

ECCC First-Pitch Dinner scheduled Feb. 4; features Mets official as speaker

DECATUR — A Major League Baseball official will serve as guest speaker when East Central Community College holds its 2011 First-Pitch Dinner on the Decatur campus.

Mac Seibert, regional supervisor for the New York Mets, will address Diamond Warrior fans and supporters at the annual program scheduled at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 4 in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria.

"We very much appreciate Mr. Seibert taking time to speak at our First-Pitch Dinner as we begin a new season," said Neal Holliman, who enters his fifth year as head coach.

Holliman is a long-time acquaintance of Seibert, who was responsible for drafting two of Holliman's former Warriors — Donnie Tabb of Philadelphia and ZeEricka Hall. Tabb, a 5-foot-11, 205-pound outfielder/shortstop/pitcher, was selected in the 43rd round of the 2010 Major League Baseball Draft. Hall, a 6-foot, 175-pound outfielder, was drafted in the 29th round in 2009. Both are still members of the New York Mets organization.

Seibert, a native of Pensacola, Fla., was a standout baseball player and coach prior to beginning his successful career in the major leagues.

He was a member of the 1984 Tate High School baseball team, which captured state and national titles. Seibert was selected Florida Athlete of the Year following the championship season and was tapped by the Oakland Athletics in the 1984 Major League Baseball Draft.

However, Seibert chose to instead pursue his college education and athletic career at Jefferson Davis Community College, University of Miami and Jacksonville State University. His career at Jacksonville State included two NCAA World Series. In 1989, Seibert received NCAA All-American honors and was drafted by the Detroit Tigers, serving part of two seasons in their minor league system.

After completing his degree, Seibert returned to Jefferson Davis Community College as a pitching coach and recruiting coordinator. He helped lead the 1994 baseball squad to state and regional championships and a berth in the Junior College World Series in Grand Junction, Colo.

In the fall of 1994, Seibert returned to Major League Baseball as a scout with the Atlanta Braves and helped assemble "The Team of the Decade" with a World Series championship in 1995 and National League title in 1996.

In 1998, Seibert moved west and spent two years with the Arizona Diamondbacks who in 2000 were crowned World Series Champions.

The following year he was promoted to National Scouting Supervisor with the Tampa Bay Devil Rays. He spent seven years with Devil Rays and helped produce one of the best farm systems in baseball, resulting in an American League Championship and World Series appearance in 2008.

Seibert left Tampa Bay for the Pensacola Pelicans, where he served two years as manager prior to accepting his current position with the New York Mets.

Tickets to the ECCC First-Pitch Dinner are \$20 for adults and \$10 for children 12 and under.

Souvenir Diamond Warrior items will also be available for purchase.

To purchase First-Pitch Dinner tickets, contact Holliman at 601-635-6374 or call toll free, 877-462-3222, ext. 374. The e-mail address is nholliman@eccc.edu.



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NEW DIAMOND WARRIORS



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These area high school baseball standouts are shown signing national letters-of-intent to continue their careers at East Central Community College in Decatur. Joining the Warriors for 2011-12 are (seated from left) Ryan Shotts, an infielder/outfielder/pitcher from Louisville High School; pitcher Jamie Ball and pitcher/infielder Colby Maner, both of Morton; catcher Dustin Floyd, pitcher Robert Greer and pitcher/first baseman Caleb McKee, all of Neshoba Central; infielder/outfielder Xzavier Franklin, Newton County; and outfielder/infielder Andrius Huddleson of Philadelphia. Standing from left are ECCC head baseball coach Neal Holliman and assistants Michael Avalon, Hunter Vick and Jesus Aleman. The scholarship signing ceremony was held Jan. 18 in the Molly McGee Gold Room in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria.

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ECCC Baseball Program Offers Hitting/Pitching Clinics for Youth

Area young baseball players will have an opportunity to sharpen their hitting and pitching skills by participating in the annual Hitting and Pitching Indoors for Youth Clinic scheduled during February at East Central Community College in Decatur.

"We are pleased to once again offer the hitting and pitching clinic to assist players in preparation for their upcoming seasons," said Neal Holliman, ECCC head baseball coach.

Holliman said instruction is designed for ages 6 to 12 and will be provided by Diamond Warrior coaches and players.

Hitting instruction is offered from 6:15 to 8:15 p.m. each Thursday.

The pitching clinic will be held Monday evenings, and participants may choose, upon availability, between two sessions.



Shotts Inks ECCC Baseball Scholarship

Ryan Shotts (third from left), a standout baseball player at Louisville High School, is shown signing a national letter of intent to continue his career at East Central Community College in Decatur. Shotts, a 6-1, 195-pound infielder/outfielder pitcher, received Gold Glove and hustle awards at LHS. Also seated (from left) are his parents, Charles and Rhonda Shotts of Louisville, and Wildcat head baseball coach Justin Reed. Standing from left are ECCC head baseball coach Neal Holliman and assistants Michael Avalon, Hunter Vick and Jesus Aleman. The scholarship signing ceremony was held Tuesday, Jan. 18, 2011, in the Molly McGee Gold Room in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria at ECCC. (EC Photo)

The first session is scheduled from 6 to 7:15 p.m. followed by a second session from 7:15 to 8:30 p.m.

Coach Holliman said players will be divided into groups for participation in batting practice, tee drills, soft toss, wiffle balls, bunting techniques and other hitting-related exercises. Pitchers will learn the fundamental steps of a delivery as well as throw a supervised pen each week.

Participants will also be instructed in other aspects of pitching including arm care, pick moves and grips.

Instruction will be provided in the Indoor Practice Facility in Founders' Gym and the South Campus Gymnasium. The indoor facility includes two full-length cages, an area for bunting, a pitching machine and several hitting stations.

Cost is \$100 for the Hitting Clinic and

\$75 for the Pitching Clinic. Participants can attend both clinics for \$150. Fees include insurance and a camp T-shirt.

Deadline to register is Friday, Jan. 28, 2011.

For more information, contact Coach Neal Holliman (601-635-6374) or Coach Michael Avalon (601-635-6226). Their e-mail addresses are nholliman@eccc.edu and mavalon@eccc.edu.

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Soaring Eagles



Paula Merritt/ The Meridian Star

Meridian Community College's Darren Farmer is congratulated by teammates after hitting a homerun scoring three against East Central Community College Saturday.

Meridian extends win streak to seven games

By Robby Atkinson

Special to the Star

Meridian Community College headed into the second day of the 2011 Rush Invitational Tournament looking to continue its impressive winning streak and the Eagles survived a huge scare.

East Central provided plenty of drama in the second game of the day, but MCC was able to hold on for a 5-3 victory to extend its winning streak to seven games.

ECCC took a 2-1 lead over Meridian heading into the bottom of the seventh inning, but the Eagles used two home runs to take the lead for good. Freshman right fielder Wade Wass and former West Lauderdale standout Darren Farmer provided the offensive spark in the inning for Meridian.

"We give a lot of credit to East Central for playing such a hard game today," said MCC head coach Chris Curry. "I am proud of how we battled back late in the game after trailing and we need to play a little better defense."



Paula Merritt/ The Meridian Star

Meridian Community College's Kenny Roberts breaks up the double play as East Central Community College's Charles Hill loses as he heads to first base.

MCC struck with the first run of the game with a solo home run from Brian Donohoe in the bottom of the third inning to give the Eagles the lead. ECCC answered right back with a long ball of its own to tie the game in the top of the fourth inning. Vince Kortbawi brought the first run across the plate on the solo home run over

the wall for the Warriors.

East Central (2-2) would eventually take the lead in the top of the seventh thanks to a throwing error by MCC. Tyler Brant reached base on a walk for the Warriors and later scored in the inning on a throwing error by the Eagles to give ECCC a brief 2-1 lead. MCC snatched the lead away from

East Central with the pair of home runs to make the score 5-2. Wass smahsed a solo home run over the scoreboard in right field and Farmer added a three-run shot later in the inning to give Meridian the three-run lead.

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ECCC added a run in the final inning on an RBI single by Jeremy May, but the Warriors would fall to the Eagles by a final of 5-3.

MCC (8-1) ended the game with nine hits and was led by Kenny Roberts with two hits and Donohoe collected a pair of hits in the victory. Kortbawi led the way for ECCC with a pair of hits and Dar-mall Moore also collected a pair of hits in the loss for the Warriors.

Former Enterprise standout Steven Taylor (1-1) picked up the pitching win in relief for Meridian and Tyler Dalton (0-1) was saddled with the pitching loss in relief for East Central. The Warriors also lost its final game of the day to Wabash Valley by a final score of 9-7.

Meridian returns to action today

in the final round of the Rush Invitational Tournament against Wabash Valley at 1 p.m. at Scaggs Field.

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The Eagles picked up its second win over Wabash Valley in the tournament despite making some costly errors early in the game. The Warriors scored four runs in the top of the second inning on four errors by the Eagles, but MCC was able to rebound for the three-run victory.

MCC scored first in the game with a pair of runs in the bottom of the first inning to take a 2-0 lead over Wabash Valley. One run scored on an RBI single by Nolan Thomas and the second run scored on a throwing error by Wabash Valley. The Warriors scored all of

its runs in the top of the second inning and took its only lead of the game 4-2. Three of the runs scored on a missed fly ball with the bases loaded by Meridian and fourth run scored on an infield error by the Eagles.

MCC came right back after the miscues and scored a pair of runs to tie the game at 4-4 in the bottom of the second inning. One run scored on an RBI single by Johnny Tolson and Roberts knocked in the second run on a single for the Eagles. Meridian added two more runs in the bottom of the fifth on a two-run home run by Wass and Roberts drove the final run of the game in with a sacrifice fly in the sixth inning. MCC ended the game with eight hits and Tolson led the charge with two hits for Meridian. Chase Jordan (1-0) picked up the pitching win for Meridian by tossing four scoreless innings in relief.

ECCC to hold Cheer tryouts April 9

East Central Community College in Decatur will hold tryouts for the 2011-12 Cheerleading Squad at 9 a.m. Saturday, April 9 in the South Campus Gymnasium.

Pre-tryout clinics are scheduled in the South Campus gym from 5 to 7 p.m. on the following dates: February 15 and 22; March 8, 22 and 29 and April 5, 6 and 7. The April clinics are mandatory for all participants.

For more information contact cheer coach Shelley Thoms at 601-635-5355. The e-mail address is shelleythoms@yahoo.com.



Receive ECCC Baseball Awards at First-Pitch Dinner

These members of the 2011 East Central Community College baseball team received various honors at the annual First-Pitch Dinner held Friday, Feb. 4, in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria on the Decatur campus. From left are freshman outfielder Tyler Neal, a product of Edinburg High School, winner of the pre-season competition, "Warrior Challenge," and freshman pitcher Brock Ward of Louisville, credited with this year's slogan, "Practice As If You Are the Worst; Play As If You Are the Best." Also pictured are award winners from the 2010 season, utility player Charles Hill, most improved player and first baseman/pitcher Richie Long, most valuable offensive player, both of Carthage. Long was also named All-Region 23 and MACJC All-State. At right is sophomore third baseman Vincent Kortbawi, a product of Hale County High School in Moundville, Ala., winner of the annual Home Run Derby competition held during pre-season activities. Other award-winners from the 2010 season but not pictured include catcher/outfielder Quinn Stokes of Carthage, All-Region 23, MACJC All-State and academic award; infielder Allen Johnson of Leake Academy, most valuable pitcher; pitcher/outfielder Ernie Triplett of Louisville, most valuable player; and infielder/outfielder Andre Yates of Grenada, most valuable defensive player. Johnson and Triplett are continuing their careers at Belhaven University and Delta State University, respectively. Diamond Warrior head coach Neal Holliman presented awards. Mac Seibert, regional supervisor with the New York Mets, was guest speaker. (EC Photo)

ECCC hosts invitational

A full weekend of community college baseball is on tap when the 2011 Rush Invitational gets under way Friday, Feb. 18, at the Clark/Gay Baseball Complex at East Central Community College in Decatur.

Competition begins at noon Friday with Wallace State of Andalusia, Ala., taking on Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College. Wallace State and Andrew College of Cuthbert, Ga., battle at 3 p.m. followed by a 6 p.m. matchup between Andrew College and Gulf Coast. Games scheduled Saturday include Andrew College vs ECCC at 10 a.m.; Baton Rouge Community College and Andrew College at 1 p.m.; Lincoln Land Community College of Springfield, Illinois vs ECCC at 4 p.m.; and Baton Rouge and Lincoln at 7 p.m. Admission is \$10 for all three days of competition or \$5 each day.

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ECCC Diamond Warriors win both matchups in Rush tourney

East Central Community College's baseball team improved to 5-3 on the young campaign after winning both matchups Saturday in the annual Rush Invitational held Feb. 18-20 at the Clark/Gay Baseball Complex on the Decatur campus.

The Diamond Warriors posted a 5-1 decision over Andrew College of Cuthbert, Ga., in the first game and followed with a 2-1 victory over Lincoln Land Community College, located in Springfield, Illinois, in the nightcap.

Tyler Brant of Southaven powered the EC offense in the opener with a home run, two singles and two RBIs. He also scored two runs. Also collecting three hits was Fred Hampton of Nanih Waiya, who belted a double and two singles. Tanner

Noakley of Ocean Springs also had a productive outing by pounding a double and a single. He was also credited with an RBI and scored a run.

Vincent Kortbawi continued his success at the plate with a first-inning home run, which gave EC the lead for good. Kortbawi is a product of Hale County High School in Moundville, Ala.

Other hitters were Jeremy May of Newton County, Richie Long of Carthage and B.J. Martin, of Franklin High School in Mt. Hermon, La., singles each.

Southpaw Willard Bacon held Andrew College scoreless for 6 1/3 innings to earn the victory. Bacon allowed four hits fanned five batters. He is a product of Choctaw Central High School.

Right-hander Cal Cossich of Ocean Springs hurled the final 2

2/3 innings of the nine-inning battle and allowed one earned run on two hits. He fanned three batters.

In the second contest, southpaw Pervis Mann of Carthage and right-hander Tyler Dalton of Winston Academy combined for seven strong innings in leading the Diamond Warriors to the one-run victory.

Mann, who was credited with the win, allowed one earned run (home run) on four hits. He fanned seven batters and walked three. Dalton pitched three scoreless innings and allowed one hit. He fanned four batters and walked one.

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Other community college teams participating in the three-day competition included Wallace State- Hanceville (Ala.), Mississippi Gulf Coast, Southeastern (Iowa) and Baton Rouge.

The Diamond Warriors travel to Shelton State Community College Wednesday, Feb. 23, in doubleheader action getting under way at 2 p.m. on the Tuscaloosa, Ala., campus.

East Central hosts Northwest Mississippi Community College Saturday, Feb. 26, in doubleheader competition.

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Warriors sweep Fayette

East Central Community College took a pair of baseball wins over Bevill **from State combined Community reports** College in Fayette, Ala., last week.

Saturday's doubleheader with Itawamba was rained out and has been rescheduled for Thursday with a 2 p.m. start.

In other games this week, the Warriors, 9-5, were scheduled to host Tyler (Texas) in a doubleheader on Tuesday before going to Bossier City, La., on Saturday to take on Angelina (Texas) and Bossier Parish (La.).

**EC 5-4
Bevill-Fayette 1-3**

Sophomores Richie Long and Vincent Kortbawi helped lead the Warriors to pair of victories over the Bears in Fayette, Ala., on March 1.

Long went 3-for-4 and drove in two runs. He

was credited with a double and two singles in the nine-inning battle.

Carlos Leal had two doubles and one RBI, Charles Hill had a double and a single, Tyler Brant had a double, and Jeremy May of Newton County had a single.

Right-handers Tyler Dalton and Joel McKee were on the mound for EC. Dalton allowed one earned run on four hits through six innings and fanned two. McKee hurled three scoreless innings and fanned three.

In the second contest, Kortbawi belted a two-run homer and added a single to lead the EC offense.

Kortbawi's two-run shot came in the fifth inning and tied the contest at 3-3.

EC scored the go-ahead run in the seventh inning when Hill's double scored Darmaal Moore from second.

Moore recorded his second single earlier in the inning and stole second, setting up Hill's game-winning RBI.

Other hitters were May and Brant, who had singles each.

Southpaw Bobby Bryan, right-hander Mitchell Wooten, and lefty Colton Mitchell were on the mound for EC. Bryan allowed three earned runs on four hits and fanned six. He also walked a batter.

Wooten hurled a scoreless inning and allowed one hit. He also walked a batter. Mitchell pitched two scoreless innings, striking out four and walking two as EC improved to 9-5.



Jeremy May

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Mitchell picks up win at ECCC

Warrior baseball in full swing

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

DECATUR — East Central Community College's Diamond Warriors grabbed a pair of wins over nationally ranked Hinds Community College Saturday at the Clark/Gay Baseball Complex in Decatur.

Vincent Kortbawi belted a two-run homer in the fourth inning and gave East Central the lead for good in an 8-3 victory in the opener, and Kortbawi doubled and singled and drove in four Diamond Warriors in a 10-0 shutout in the nightcap to complete the sweep. He also scored twice.

With the wins, East Central improved to 13-9 overall and 2-2 in the MACJC South Division. Hinds, ranked 11th in the latest NJCAA Division II poll, fell to 14-6 and 1-3.

Colton Mitchell of Lake picked up the win for East Central, allowing five hits and two earned runs through six innings. Mitchell, a southpaw, also fanned two batters and walked one.

Right-hander Mitchell

Wooten pitched the final inning and fanned a batter. Wooten is a product of Lake High School.

East Central hosted division foe Co-Lin Community College (13-7, 2-2) Tuesday, March 22.

ECCC falls at Gulf Coast

In games held Wednesday, March 16, the Diamond Warriors dropped a pair of contests to Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College in Perkinston.

The Bulldogs won the opener 1-0 on Nick Boggs' walk-off homer in the eighth inning and held on for an 11-10 decision in the nightcap.

In the second contest, the Diamond Warriors scored six runs in the sixth inning to take a 9-7 lead but Gulf Coast responded with four runs in the bottom of the frame to complete the sweep.

ECCC netters sweep Holmes

East Central Community College's tennis teams recorded victories over Holmes Community College Thursday, March 10 on the Goodman campus.

The Lady Warriors post-

ed a 5-4 decision and the Warriors cruised by a 7-2 margin.

Warriors winning their respective singles matches included Zac White of Union, who blanked C. Macumber, 6-0, 6-0; Jason Loris of Moss Point, over H. Herrington, 6-3, 6-0; Matt Griffin of Union over M. Parkman, 7-5, 4-6, 1-0 (11-9); Walt Stinson of Philadelphia over B. Williams, 6-3, 6-2; and **Josh Blackburn of Morton** over J. Lyon, 3-6, 6-4, 1-0 (10-7). One match was forfeited.

ECCC Warrior Netters Clip Co-Lin

The East Central Community College men's tennis team registered a 5-4 victory over the Copiah-Lincoln Community College Wolves March 3 in Wesson.

Warriors winning their respective singles matches included Matt Griffin of Union, who defeated M. Hart, 6-4, 7-5, (8-6); Walt Stinson of Neshoba Central, a 6-3, 6-1 winner over J. McLeod; and **Josh Blackburn of Morton**, who beat C. Haley, 7-5, 6-2.

The Lady Warriors were

MACJC All-Star Basketball Games Set March 28 at ECCC

The state's top sophomore JUCO basketball players will have an opportunity to showcase their talents when the annual MACJC All-Star Basketball Games are held Monday, March 28, at East Central Community College in Decatur.

Women's action begins at 5 p.m. and will be followed by the men's contest at 7 p.m. in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building.

Admission is \$5.

ECCC Softball Squad Splits Decisions at Co-Lin

East Central Community College's softball team began MACJC South Division competition by splitting a doubleheader Wednesday, March 2 at Copiah-Lincoln Community College in Wesson.

The Lady Diamond Warriors took the opener by a 3-1 decision and fell 5-4 in extra innings in the nightcap.

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Signs letters of intent

Neshoba Central High School baseball standouts recently signed letters of intent to continue their careers at East Central Community College in Decatur. Front row, from left, are Dustin Floyd, catcher; Robert Greer, pitcher/outfielder; and Caleb McKee, pitcher/first baseman. In back is Brian Jones, head baseball coach at Neshoba Central.

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Warriors take two from nationally-ranked Hinds

By Marty Stamper

Appeal Sports Editor

It was feast or famine for the East Central Community College Warriors last week as they dropped a MACJC South Division double-header at Mississippi Gulf Coast before coming back to Decatur to take a pair of games from Hinds.

The Warriors entered this week with a 13-9 overall record and a 2-2 league mark.

This week, the Warriors were scheduled to host Copiah-Lincoln on Tuesday, then go to Pearl River on Saturday.

Gulf Coast 1-11

EC 0-10

The Warriors dropped a pair of one-run games at Perkinston last Wednesday.

Gulf Coast won the opener on Nick Boggs' walk-off homer in the bottom of the eighth inning.

The Bulldogs posted an 11-10 win in the nightcap to complete the sweep.

The Warriors had just

four hits in the opener with Tanner Noakley getting a double and Darmaal Moore, Charles Hill, and Tyler Brant each getting a single.

Bobby Bryan took the loss despite allowing just three hits in seven innings. He walked one and struck out seven.

The second game was the opposite of the opener as the teams combined for 24 hits and 21 runs.

EC had 10 hits with B.J. Martin driving in three runs with a single and a home run.

Brant had a solo homer, Vincent Kortbawi added a single and a double, and Richie Long had three singles.

EC used a six-run sixth frame to take a 9-7 lead, but the Bulldogs answered with four runs in the bottom of the sixth to go back on top 11-9.

The Warriors used five pitchers in the loss as they fell to 11-9 overall and 0-2 in division action.

EC 8-10

Hinds 3-0

The Warriors bounced back to sweep Hinds Saturday at Decatur to

improve to 13-9 overall and 2-2 in division play.

Vincent Kortbawi's two-run homer in the fourth inning gave the Warriors the lead for good as they posted an 8-3 win in the opener.

EC tacked on four more runs in the fifth inning.

Kortbawi also had a double. Jeremy May had a pair of singles.

Charles Hill, Richie Long, B.J. Martin, and Tyler Brant each had a double. Hill also had two RBI.

Colton Mitchell got the win as he allowed five hits and two earned runs in six innings.

In the five-inning win in the second game, May had two singles and a double.

Darmaal Moore added a double and a single, and Martin had a pair of singles. Moore and Hill also had two RBI apiece.

Pervis Mann got the win with four scoreless innings. He allowed two hits.

Hinds, which was ranked No. 11 nationally, dropped to 14-6 and 1-3.

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ECCC baseball knocks off Co-Lin

from school reports

A three-run homer by Vincent Kortbawi and a single blast from Richie Long powered East Central Community College's baseball team to an 8-4 decision over Copiah-Lincoln Community College in the first game of Tuesday's doubleheader in Decatur, and the Diamond Warriors continued their strong offensive performance with a 10-1 victory in the nightcap to complete the sweep.

East Central improved to 15-9 overall and 4-2 in the MACJC South Division following the impressive victories, which came on the heels of doubleheader sweep (8-3, 10-0) of visiting Hinds Community College Saturday. The Diamond Warriors are now alone in second place behind Gulf Coast's 4-0 mark. The Bulldogs are 11-11 overall.

Kortbawi, a sophomore infielder from Hale County High School in Moundville, Ala., finished with four RBIs in the opener. Long, a sophomore first baseman and former standout at Carthage High School, also collected a double and scored twice.

Charles Hill also had a productive outing at the plate, as the sophomore outfielder belted three singles, knocked in a run and scored twice.

Southpaw Willard Bacon picked up the win, as he hurled three scoreless innings and allowed three hits. Bacon is a product of Choctaw Central High School. Right-hander Tyler Dalton was the starter and allowed two earned runs on five hits

through two innings. He also fanned a batter.

In the second contest, EC exploded for six runs in the third inning and cruised to the easy victory.

Hill helped ignite the scoring onslaught when his double to right field scored Myers and Kortbawi and gave EC a 3-1 advantage. Brant and Darmaal Moore of Stone County followed with run-scoring doubles in the inning and the route was on.

Kortbawi had another strong performance at the plate by blasting his second homer of the day. He also singled and scored twice.

Hill, Brant and Moore finished with doubles. Hill was the top run producer with three RBIs and scored twice. Brant and Moore also knocked in a run each and scored once.

Next up for the Diamond Warriors is a division doubleheader with Pearl River Community College scheduled Saturday, March 26. The first of two seven-inning battles gets under way at 1 p.m. on the Poplarville campus.

ECCC hosts Jones County Junior College Wednesday, March 30. Doubleheader action begins at 3 p.m. at the Clark/Gay Baseball Complex.

ECCC, Pearl River Split Softball Twinbill

After posting a 5-1 victory in the opener, East Central Community College's softball team dropped a 6-5 decision in the second contest to split a doubleheader with Pearl River Community College

Tuesday on the Decatur campus.

Chelsea Jones belted two solo home runs and Abbie Joiner blasted a double and two singles to lead the Lady Diamond Warriors in the first contest.

Jones is a sophomore infielder from Enterprise High School and Joiner is a freshman outfielder/catcher from Neshoba Central. Joiner was also credited with an RBI and scored once.

Summer Alexander also excelled at the plate by pounding a double and single. The Newton County High School product also knocked in a run.

Taylor Bailey (7-2) tossed a three-hitter in the seven-inning contest to notch the victory. She fanned seven batters.

In the second contest, EC rallied from a 4-1 deficit to tie the contest at 4-4 in the fifth inning but the Lady Wildcats responded with two runs in the sixth and held on for the one-run victory.

Buckley slapped two runs and collected four RBIs to lead EC in the second matchup.

Also credited with multiple hits were Watson, double and two singles; Joiner, three singles; and Nicholas, two singles. All three scored a run each and Nicholas knocked in a run.

Brittany Pounders of Southeast Lauderdale contributed a single.

ECCC (16-8, 3-4) travels to division foe Southwest Mississippi Community College Saturday, March 26. Doubleheader action

begins at 1 p.m. on the Summit campus.

The Lady Diamond Warriors battle Hinds Community College Wednesday, March 30. The twinbill gets under way at 3 p.m. on the Decatur campus.

EMCC places fourth in MACJC golf event

OLIVE BRANCH - The East Mississippi Community College men's golf team placed fourth at this week's MACJC golf event hosted by Northwest Mississippi CC. The state's third junior college golf event of the spring campaign was completed Tuesday at Wedgewood Golf Club in Olive Branch following Monday's opening-round action held at Southaven's North Creek Golf Course.

After holding third-place honors with a 307 team score on Monday, head coach Dale Peay's EMCC Lions shot a second-day 321 to finish 12 strokes behind third-place Copiah-Lincoln. Host Northwest Mississippi maintained its first-round lead to outdistance three-time defending NJCAA Region 23 champion Mississippi Gulf Coast by 11 strokes (602-613).

EMCC freshman Weston Wallace earned all-tournament honors for the second time in three spring events, finishing in a fourth-place tie with a two-day score of 148 (75-73). The former Northwest Rankin High School product also claimed all-tournament honors in his collegiate debut last month at the MGCCC-hosted event in Pass Christian.

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Leake Warriors



These Leake County athletes are members of the 2011 Diamond Warrior Baseball Team at East Central Community College in Decatur. Pictured from left are manager Jake Frasier, multi-purpose player Charles Hill, pitcher Pervis Mann, first baseman/pitcher Richie Long, all graduates of Carthage; outfielder Tyler Neal and pitcher Mitchell Wooten, both of Edinburg. Neal Holliman is head coach. (EC Photo)



Leake Academy products Layna Phillips (left) and Haelie Allen, both of Lena, are freshman members of the 2011 East Central Community College softball team. Phillips is an infielder and Allen plays outfield. The Lady Diamond Warriors are led by head coach Scott Hill and assistant Kristin Chaney. (EC Photo)

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ECCC Diamond Warriors Nationally Ranked

East Central Community College's baseball team has received national attention for its success in the 2011 season.

The Diamond Warriors are ranked 15th in the latest NJCAA Division II poll and represent the only Mississippi squad included in this week's rankings.

East Central sports a 16-10 overall record and 5-3 mark in the MACJC South Division prior to today's (Thursday) matchups with Jones County Junior College (17-9, 4-2). The division doubleheader gets under way at 4 p.m. at the Clark/Gay Baseball Complex in Decatur. The Bobcats were previously ranked and received votes in this week's poll.

The ECCC baseball program is led by head coach Neal Holliman and assistants Michael Avalon, Hunter Vick and Jesus Aleman.

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EC's Mitchell no-hits Coast

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The East Central Community College Warriors swept Beville State-Fayette (8-3 and 14-1) and Mississippi Gulf Coast (11-0 and 8-4) last week to

improve to 21-13 overall and 8-6 in MACJC South Division baseball action.

Colton Mitchell of Lake threw a no-hitter in the 11-0 win over Gulf Coast.

This week, EC was scheduled to go to Hinds today and to Copiah-Lincoln on Saturday in league twinbills.

EC 8-14
Beville 3-1

MACJC South Through April 11

Jones	10-4
Gulf Coast	9-5
East Central	8-6
Pearl River	7-5
Co-Lin	5-9
Southwest	5-9
Hinds	4-10

The Warriors hammered 22 hits in the April 5 sweep of Beville State-Fayette at Decatur.

In the opener, EC had 11 hits and used a four-run fifth inning to get the win.

Vincent Kortbawi had three hits, including a double, to drive in a pair of runs. Jeremy May had a triple and a single to

plate two runs. Richie Long and Fred Hampton both had a single and a double.

Seth Kidd got the win with two innings of middle relief.

In the second game, Kortbawi had three hits, including a home run, as he drove in five runs for EC. Charles Hill had three singles and two RBI. Jerrod Myers had two singles. Long had a double.

Tyler Dalton tossed the first three innings to get the win.

EC 11-8
Gulf Coast 0-4

Colton Mitchell hurled a no-hitter, Charles Hill belted two home runs, and Carlos Leal contributed a dinger to lead EC to an 11-0 shutout of Mississippi Gulf Coast in the first of two victories over the then division-leading Bulldogs Saturday afternoon in Decatur.

The Warriors took the second contest by an 8-4 margin as several Warriors again found success with the long ball. Tyler Brant blasted two home runs, and Hill and B.J. Martin both homered.

In recording the no-hitter, Mitchell fanned six and allowed just two base runners, both of whom reached base after being hit by a pitch. The contest was called after five innings due to the 10-run rule.

Hill also contributed a single and went 3-for-3 in the opener with four RBI. His two-run blast in the bottom of the fifth ended the game. His first dinger was a solo blast in the fourth inning.

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Diamond Warriors sweep Gulf Coast, Mitchell hurls no-hitter

Southpaw Colton Mitchell of Lake hurled a no-hitter, Charles Hill of Carthage belted two home runs and Carlos Leal of Guaynabo, Puerto Rico contributed a dinger to lead East Central Community College to an 11-0 shutout of Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College in the first of two victories over the then division-leading Bulldogs Saturday afternoon at the Clark/Gay Baseball Complex in Decatur.

The Diamond Warriors took the second contest by an 8-4 margin as several Warriors again found success with the long ball. Tyler Brant of Southaven blasted two home runs, and Hill and B.J. Martin of Franklinton High School in Mt. Hermon, La., each homered.

Following the doubleheader sweep, East Central improved to 21-13 overall and 8-6 in the MACJC South Division. The Diamond Warriors are currently fourth in league play. Gulf Coast dropped to 16-16 and 9-5 and fell to second place. Jones County leads the division at 10-4 and is 23-11 overall. Pearl River is third at 7-5 and has a 21-11 overall mark. Rounding out the division

are Southwest (5-9, 18-14), Copiah-Lincoln (5-9, 16-16) and Hinds (4-10, 18-14).

In recording the no-hitter, Mitchell fanned six batters and allowed just two base runners, both of whom reached base after being hit by a pitch. The contest was called after five innings due to the 10-run rule.

Hill also contributed a single and went 3-for-3 in the opener with four RBIs. His two-run blast in the bottom of the fifth ended the game. His first dinger was a solo blast in the fourth inning.

Leal added a single to his first-game stats and was credited with two RBIs. His two-run homer in the second inning gave EC a 3-0 lead.

Other hitters were Vincent Kortbawi, a product of Hale County High School in Moundville, Ala., double and single; Martin, double; and Richie Long of Carthage and Jeremy May of Newton County, singles each. Martin and Long also knocked in a run apiece.

In the second game, Brant added a double to his two home runs and was the top run producer with three RBIs. He belted a

two-run homer in the third inning and registered a solo blast in the fourth.

Martin, in addition to his home run – a two-run blast in the second inning – slapped a single and finished with two RBIs. Other sluggers were Tanner Noakley of Ocean Springs, double and single; Darmall Moore of Stone County, two singles; and Kortbawi and Jerrod Myers of Jackson St. Andrews, singles each. Moore was also credited with an RBI.

Starter Pervis Mann of Carthage picked up the win. Mann, a southpaw, allowed two earned runs on four hits. He also fanned two batters and walked one. Right-handers Tyler Dalton of Winston Academy, Casey Wells of West Jones and Mitchell Wooten of Edinburg hurled an inning each.

Dalton allowed two earned runs on three hits and walked a batter. Wells allowed one hit and no runs and Wooten pitched a scoreless inning and allowed no hits. The Diamond Warriors travel to Hinds Community College Wednesday, April 13. Doubleheader action begins at 3 p.m. on the Raymond campus.

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ECCC Diamond Darlings

Diamond Darlings for 2010-11 have been announced for East Central Community College in Decatur. The Diamond Darlings is an organization for female students interested in baseball to become involved with the ECCC Baseball program. Members include: (front row, from left) Amber Gray, Lake; Raychal Reed, Louisville; Kierra Ealy, Morton; Haley Hall, Forest; Tamara McPhail, Philadelphia; Danielle Pierce, Union; Lindsey Miller, Decatur; Brittany Burton, Louisville; Taylor Lynch, and Persephiney Wingo, both of Morton; Antrisa Butler, Lake; (second row, from left) Kiswana Burnside, Lake; Monica Chapman, Newton; Jenna Purvis, Edinburg; Kelsey Dennis, Sebastopol; Kayla Stevenson, Morton; Ashley Arthur, Louisville; Annalyse Thorne, Decatur; Bailey Hartness, Louisville; Alison Walker, Lake; Courtney Mackey, Morton; Courtney Reinke, Collinsville; and Genae Tew, Kosciusko.

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ECCC and Co-Lin split twinbill

From press reports

After rallying for a 7-3 win in the opener, East Central Community College's baseball squad was unable to hang on to an early 5-0 advantage and fell 8-7 in the second contest to split a doubleheader with Copiah-Lincoln Community College Saturday, April 16 in Wesson.

EC's record currently stands at 23-15 overall and 10-8 in the MACJC South Division. The Diamond Warriors are fourth in the division standings behind Jones County (26-12, 12-4), Gulf Coast (16-16, 9-5) and Pearl River (23-13, 9-7). Co-Lin is fifth (18-18, 7-11) followed by Southwest (19-17, 6-12) and Hinds (19-15, 5-11).

Jerrold Myers of Jackson St. Andrews, Richie Long of Carthage and B. J. Martin, a product of Franklinton High School in Mt. Hermon, La., had two each hits to lead the EC offense. Myers belted a triple and a single, and Long and Martin had two singles each. Martin was credited with two RBIs, and Myers and Long knocked in a run each and scored once.

Fred Hampton of Nanih Waiya contributed a single and was credited with two RBIs.

Southpaw Colton Mitchell of Lake went the distance to get the win. Mitchell allowed three earned runs on eight hits. He also fanned three batters and walked one.

In the second game, EC jumped out to a 5-0 lead following Long's three-run homer in the third.

three runs in the fifth and four in the seventh to notch the victory.

In addition to Long, other EC sluggers were Jeremy May of Newton County and Tyler Brant of Southaven, double and single each; and Martin, Charles Hill of Carthage, Kyle Moore of Southaven and Carlos Leal of Guaynabo, Puerto Rico, singles each. May and Hill were also credited with two RBIs each.

Right-hander Mitchell Wooten of Edinburg took the loss, allowing four earned runs on three hits in 2/3 inning of work. Starter Pervis Mann of Carthage went 4 2/3 innings and allowed two earned runs on four hits. He also walked four batters. Right-hander Cal Cossich of Ocean Springs pitched one inning and fanned a batter. Right-hander Brock Ward of Louisville hurled 1/3 inning.

The Diamond Warriors host Pearl River Community College Tuesday, April 19 in a key division matchup beginning at 3 p.m. at the Clark/Gay Baseball Complex.

East Central travels to Jones County Junior College Friday, April 22. The division doubleheader gets under way at 2 p.m. on the Ellisville campus.

The Diamond Warriors conclude regular season competition by hosting Southwest Mississippi Community College Wednesday, April 27. The first of two division battles begins at 3 p.m. at the Clark/Gay Baseball Complex.

East Central split a doubleheader with Hinds Community College in Raymond Wednesday, April 13, falling 4-1 in the opener and winning the nightcap by an 8-3 margin.

Vincent Kortbawi had a triple and a single to lead EC sluggers in the opener. He also scored a run. Kortbawi is a product of Hale County High School in Moundville, Ala.

Other hitters were Hill, Hampton and Darmaal Moore of Stone County, singles each. Hill also knocked in EC's lone run.

Right-hander Seth Kidd of Enterprise took the loss. He pitched 1/3 inning and allowed one earned run on one hit. Starter Bobby Bryan, a southpaw from Crossett (Ark.) High School, hurled three innings and allowed one earned run on three hits. Right-handers Tyler Dalton of Winston Academy, Casey Wells of West Jones and Brock Ward of Louisville also made brief appearances on the mound.

In the second game, EC extended a 1-0 lead by tallying five runs in the sixth and two in the seventh to clinch the victory. Hinds scored its three runs in the seventh.

Long and Martin had two singles each to lead East Central at the plate. Both were also credited with an RBI each.

Other hitters were May, double; and Hill, Brant and Leal, singles each. Brant and Leal also knocked in two runs each. May and Tanner Noakley of Ocean Springs were

Bacon of Choctaw Central got the win. Bacon hurled five scoreless innings and

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allowed three hits. He also fanned a batter and walked one. Wooten pitched two innings in relief and allowed three earned runs on six hits. Hill fanned two batters.

ECCC Ac'cents Concert May 3

The Ac'cents, East Central Community College's show choir, will present their spring campus concert at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 3, in Vickers Fine Arts Center Auditorium on the Decatur campus. The public is invited and admission is free. For more information on these groups, contact Blaylock at 601-635 6225 or toll-free 1-877-462-3222, ext. 225. The e-mail address is vblaylock@eccc.edu.

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Mitchell receives NJCAA honors

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Lake native
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SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

DECATUR — East Central Community College Diamond Warrior Colton Mitchell of Lake has been named NJCAA Division II Pitcher of the Week.

Mitchell, a 6-1 sophomore, received the prestigious honor after hurling a no-hitter April 9 in an 11-0 victory over Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College at the Clark/Gay



Mitchell

Baseball Complex in Decatur.

The southpaw fanned six Bulldogs and allowed no walks in the five-inning matchup. He only allowed two base runners, both of whom reached base after being hit by a pitch.

Mitchell improved to 5-1 following the MACJC South Division contest.

The Diamond Warriors are currently 22-14 overall and 9-7 in league play.

East Central's baseball program is led by head coach Neal Holliman and assistants Michael Avalon, Hunter Vick and Jesus Aleman.

SPORTS BRIEFS

ECCC, Co-Lin split baseball twin bill

DECATUR — After rallying for a 7-3 win in the opener, East Central Community College's baseball squad was unable to hang on to an early 5-0 advantage and fell 8-7 in the second contest to split a doubleheader with Copiah-Lincoln Community College Saturday, April 16, in Wes-son.

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Southpaw Colton Mitchell of Lake went the distance to get the win. Mitchell allowed three earned runs on eight hits. He also fanned three batters and walked one.

East Central travels to Jones County Junior College Friday, April 22. The division doubleheader gets under way at 2 p.m. on the Ellisville campus.

ECCC, Pearl River softball squads split doubleheader

DECATUR — Summer Alexander's three-run homer provided East Central Community College's softball team with a 3-0 win in the first contest with Pearl River Community College but the Lady Wildcats rallied to take the second game by a 2-0 margin in doubleheader action Saturday, April 16 on the Poplarville campus.

Following the split, EC's record stands at 25-11 overall and 12-7 in the MACJC

South Division. The Lady Diamond Warriors are currently third in the division standings.

The top four teams advance to the state tournament.

EC's softball program is led by head coach Scott Hill of Forest and assistant Kristin Chaney.

Tryouts Set for ECCC Tennis Teams

DECATUR — Tryouts for East Central Community College's Lady Warrior and Warrior tennis teams in 2011-12 will be held May 23 on the Decatur campus.

Activities are scheduled from 4 to 5:30 p.m. on the ECCC tennis courts.

For more information, contact Coach Dianne O'Neill, 601-862-2130.

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EC drops pair at Jones

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By Marty Stamper

Appeal Sports Editor

A 1-3 showing in last week's MACJC South Division baseball games dropped the East Central Community College Warriors into fourth place in the league standings.

The top four teams from each division make the state playoffs.

EC split with Pearl River, losing 7-2 in the opener before winning the nightcap 9-3, then

dropped a pair of games at Jones (5-3 and 2-1) to fall to 24-18 overall and 11-11 in the division.

The Warriors are scheduled to close out the regular season today in Decatur against Southwest Mississipp.

The first round of the MACJC state playoffs is set for May 6-7.

Pearl River 7-3
EC 2-9
The Warriors and Wildcats both kept their postseason hopes alive

with the April 19 split at Decatur.

With the split, EC's record went to 24-16 overall and 11-9 in the division. Pearl River's went to 24-15 and 10-8.

Pearl River escaped an EC threat in the bottom of the seventh, then scored five times in the top of the eighth to win the opener.

EC had seven hits with Darmaal Moore, Charles Hill, and Bruce Martin each getting a pair of singles.

Colton Mitchell took the loss in relief, allowing four runs (two earned) in 1 2/3 innings.

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MACJC South Through April 25

	Div.	All
Jones	15-5	29-13
Gulf Coast	11-7	18-18
Pearl River	11-9	25-16
East Central	11-11	24-18
Co-Lin	8-14	20-21
Hinds	7-11	21-15
Southwest	7-13	20-18

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James Abraham and Aaron Lee both had three hits for the Wildcats with Abraham getting a double. Derek Sanders had a single and a double to drive in three runs. Chase Toussaint had a single and a solo homer.

Jared Bond got the win in 2 1/3 innings of scoreless relief.

In the second game, EC scored four runs in the first inning and five in the third to salvage the split.

EC had seven hits. Martin had a three-run homer in the first inning and Hill added a grand slam in the third. Hill also had a double. Richie Long had a single and a double.

Willard Bacon got the win, striking out seven and walking three in five innings. He allowed five hits.

Brock Ward threw two innings of scoreless relief, striking out four.

Chase Lewallen and Grae Orman both had two hits for Pearl River with one of Lewallen's being a double.

Pearl River starter Robert Marzoni

took the loss.

Jones	5-2
EC	3-1

The Warriors fell to 24-18 overall and 11-11 in the South Division with Friday's losses at Ellisville.

In the opener, EC took a 2-0 first-inning lead on RBI singles by Charles Hill and B.J. Martin.

Jones tied the game at 3-3 in the fourth and scored single runs in the fifth and sixth to come away with the win.

Carlos Leal had two singles to lead EC's offense.

Colton Mitchell took the loss, despite allowing only two earned runs on seven hits through five innings.

Vito Perna got the win for Jones. Perna and Ladd Rhodes both had two singles with Zach Allen getting two RBI.

In the second game, Jones scored twice in the bottom of the second to complete the sweep.

EC had five hits with Bruce Martin getting a single and a double.

Pervis Mann took the loss.

Jones improved to 29-13 and 15-5.

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Playoff bound EC Diamond Warriors sweep Southwest

The playoff-bound East Central Community College baseball team completed regular season competition on a successful note by grabbing a pair of victories from Southwest Mississippi Community College Thursday, April 28 at the Clark-Gay Baseball Complex in Decatur.

The Diamond Warriors cruised 10-3 in the opener and posted a 9-3 victory in the nightcap of the MACJC South Division doubleheader, which was originally set for Wednesday, April 27 but was rescheduled due to the weather. The regular season finale was also "Sophomore Day," as sophomore players and family members were recognized during pre-game activities.

Following the sweep, East Central improved to 26-18 overall and 13-11 in league play. The Diamond Warriors are tied for third in the South with Pearl River (27-18, 13-11), which swept Copiah-Lincoln Community College Saturday to qualify for post-season

play. Jones County (31-13, 17-5) won the division and Gulf Coast (18-20, 11-9) finished second. The top four teams in the South and North divisions will participate in first-round playoffs scheduled May 6-7.

In the first win over Southwest (23-20, 7-15), EC jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the first inning, highlighted by Charles Hill's two-run double which scored Jeremy May of Newton County and Vincent Kortbawi, a product of Hale County High School in Moundville, Ala. Hill is a product of Carthage High School. B.J. Martin, a product of Franklinton High School in Mt. Hermon, La., gave EC a 1-0 lead with his RBI single, scoring Darmaal Moore of Stone County.

EC put the game out of reach with a five-run second inning, which extended the lead to 8-0. Kortbawi belted a run-scoring double and Carlos Leal of Guaynabo, Puerto Rico, knocked in a run with a single to lead the effort.

Two runs also scored via walks from Southwest pitchers.

Darmaal Moore led the offense with three singles. He also scored three runs.

Other hitters included Kortbawi, double and single; May and Martin, two singles each; Hill, double; and Leal, single. Martin led in RBIs with three, and Hill and Leal knocked in two runs each. Kortbawi, Fred Hampton of Nanih Waiya and Tyler Brant of Southaven were credited with a RBI each.

Starter Bobby Bryan of Crossett (Ark.) High School was the winning pitcher. The southpaw allowed three hits and no earned runs through five innings. He fanned six batters and walked two. Right-hander Joel McKee of Neshoba Central hurled two innings in relief and allowed two hits and no earned runs. He also fanned a batter.

In the second contest, scoring began with Hampton's three-run

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homer in the fourth inning. EC added six runs in the fifth for the easy victory.

In addition to Hampton, other EC sluggers were Kortbawi, two singles; and Martin, Brant, Jerrod Myers of Jackson St. Andrews, singles each.

Neal, Brant, Myers and Tanner Noakley of Ocean Springs were also credited with an RBI each.

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ECCC sweeps Bears to clinch playoff berth

By Marty Stamper

Appeal Sports Editor

Needing two wins to be assured of a playoff berth, the East Central Community College Warriors closed out their regular season with a 10-3, 9-3 sweep of South-

west Mississippi Thursday in Decatur.

ECCC improved to 26-18 overall and 13-11 in the MACJC South Division with the two wins.

The Warriors were scheduled to play Pearl River (27-18) in a one-game playoff for third place on Tuesday.

The winner will play a best-of-three series at Northwest Mississippi (27-16), while the loser will play a similar series at Holmes (27-14). Both series are set for Friday-Saturday.

Jones (33-13) will host East Mississippi (16-27) and Gulf Coast (21-20)

will host Itawamba (27-17) in the other two series.

Each of the four series winners advance to the MACJC State Tournament, May 12-14.

EC 10-9
Southwest 3-3

The Warriors closed

out their regular season with a sweep of Southwest Thursday at Decatur. With the two wins, ECCC improved

to 13-11 in the division and 26-18 overall.

The two wins also clinched a playoff berth for the Warriors.

In the opener, the Warriors jumped out to a 10-0 lead over the first three innings and Bobby Bryan and Joel McKee combined on a six-hitter to keep the Bears at bay.

Bryan struck out six and allowed two walks and three hits in five innings to get the win.

B.J. Martin had two

singles to drive in three runs for EC. Vincent Kortbawi had a single and a double.

Charles Hill had a double and two RBI. Darmaal Moore had three singles. Jeremy May had a pair of singles and Carlos Leal had a single and two RBI.

EC outhit Southwest 11-5.

Cody Dillard had two singles for Southwest.

Ryan Hickman took the loss.

In the second game, EC padded a 3-1 lead with six runs in the bottom of the fifth inning. Both teams had six hits.

Kortbawi had two singles for EC. Fred Hampton had a three-run homer in the fourth.

Colton Mitchell got the win, striking out nine and allowing two walks and two hits in 5 1/3 innings. Willard Bacon closed out the win with 1 2/3 innings of scoreless relief.

Josh Bouldin had a single and a triple for Southwest.

Trey Setzer took the loss.

MACJC South Through May 2

	Div.	All
Jones	19-5	33-13
Gulf Coast	14-9	21-20
Pearl River	13-11	27-18
East Central	13-11	26-18
Hinds	9-14	23-18
Co-Lin	8-16	20-25
Southwest	7-17	23-22

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AREA ROUNDUP

ECCC advances to championship

from school reports

CLINTON — East Central Community College scored a run in the bottom of the seventh inning to defeat top-ranked LSU-Eunice 2-1 to remain the only unbeaten team in the Region 23 tournament at Traceway Park. LSU-Eunice then defeated Mississippi Gulf Coast 3-1 to eliminate the Bulldogs.

ECCC, ranked No. 19, meets LSU-Eunice for the tournament title at noon today with the Bengals having to beat ECCC twice for the title. Both teams, however, automatically qualify for the NJCAA Division II National Tournament May 19-21 in Normal, Ill.

Gulf Coast earlier beat Jones County Junior College 6-2 to eliminate the Bobcats, who ousted East Mississippi Community College with a 9-6 win. Gulf Coast also eliminated Pearl River 9-1 in five innings.

EMCC, which was making its first regional appearance since 2002, concluded the campaign with a 23-23 overall record.

A day after having a 12-run fourth inning by the opposition send them to a 16-2 opening-game setback at the hands of top-ranked LSU-Eunice, the Lions got off to a slow start against Jones County. Highlighted by a two-run home run by Mallory

Cowart, the fourth-seeded Bobcats plated four runs on five hits in the bottom of the first inning off EMCC starting pitcher Amy Johnson.

Out-hitting Jones County 11-10 on the afternoon, EMCC pushed across solo runs in the second, third and fifth innings. A two-out bunt single by all-state centerfielder DeShuni Sanders plated Cory Roberson (Clarkdale) in the second inning. A frame later, the Lions tallied another two-out score when all-region third baseman Lainie Simcox (Southeast Lauderdale) singled home Leigh Ellen Barefield (Neshoba Central), who led off the inning with a single. After JCJC went ahead 5-2 with a run in the fourth, EMCC again cut into the deficit with another solo run in the fifth on Roberson's RBI bloop single.

Despite falling behind 9-3 following a four-run fifth inning by Jones County, the Lions continued to battle back by chasing JCJC starting pitcher Ginger Loneragan with three straight hits to open the sixth inning, including a two-run single by sophomore second baseman Cayla Coleman (Clarkdale). Freshman catcher Jessie Clark (Clarkdale) provided the final margin later in the frame by knocking in a run on an infield groundout.

JUCO BASEBALL

Jones County 13
East Mississippi 0

ELLISVILLE — The 14th-ranked Bobcats made quick work of visiting EMCC, cruising to a run-ruled home decision over the Lions in Friday's opening game of a best-of-three MACJC baseball playoff series at Community Bank Park.

Making their first postseason baseball appearance since 2004, the Lions had a chance to strike first in the opening frame, but Tyler Aldridge's leadoff single was negated when he was caught stealing on Alex Chick's strikeout. Following the double play, sophomore first baseman Mitch Bohon smacked a double to center field, but he was left stranded after a subsequent strikeout to end the inning.

The Lions again put a runner in scoring position during the second inning. Freshman shortstop Ismael Reyes (Northeast Lauderdale) singled and stole second base but was also left stranded.

After scoring one run in the first, the Bobcats chased EMCC starting pitcher Cole Vaughan with three more scores on three hits in the second inning. With the Lions using four different pitchers in the abbreviated contest, JCJC's offensive assault continued with five

runs on five hits in the third and four more tallies on four additional hits in the fourth frame.

The Bobcats, now 34-13 on the year and winners of 19 of their last 23 decisions, pounded out 15 hits on the night, including five extra-base hits. JCJC sophomore catcher Ryan Roberts, who doubled and homered, was 3-for-3 with three runs scored and two runs batted in, while designated hitter Vito Perna knocked in four runs with three singles.

Meanwhile, JCJC sophomore right-hander Andrew Pierce settled down to retire the last nine batters he faced following a leadoff walk to Jake Upton in the third inning. Pierce, a first-team NJCAA All-American last year as a freshman, limited EMCC to just three hits over five innings. The Southern Miss signee improved his season record to 9-1 with eight strikeouts and only one walk.

The 16-28 Lions must win today's Game 2 against JCJC at 2 p.m. in order to force a third and deciding playoff contest to take place 30 minutes following the preceding game.

The winner of the best-of-three series between EMCC and JCJC will advance to participate in the four-team, double-elimination MACJC State Baseball Tournament on May 12-14.

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ECCC baseball

After claiming an 8-5 victory in extra innings over Northwest Mississippi Community College Friday in the opener of a best-of-three series in Senatobia, East Central Community College's baseball squad dropped a pair of decisions Saturday by scores of 10-8 and 10-5 and concluded competition for the 2011 campaign.

The Diamond Warriors, who qualified for the playoff series

after finishing third in the MACJC South Division at 13-11, finished 28-20 overall while Northwest (29-17) advances to the MACJC State Baseball Tournament scheduled May 13-14 and hosted by Jones County Junior College in Ellisville.

In the opening win, EC scored three runs in the top of the 11th inning to snap a 5-5 tie and held on for the victory.

Kyle Moore of Southaven



Members of the Neshoba Central baseball team gathered

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Martin and Tanner Noakley of Ocean Springs led the EC offense with three hits each.

Martin belted a home run and two singles and Noakley had three singles. Martin was also the top run producer with three RBIs.

In the decisive second game Saturday, EC held an early 3-0 lead but the host Rangers rallied

to tie the contest in the third and took a 5-0 lead after five innings. EC tied the game with two runs in the sixth at 5-5 but Northwest responded with a five-run eighth inning and held on for the win and a berth in the MACJC State Baseball Tournament.

Hill and Hampton homered and Kortbawi, Martin and Noakley had two singles each to lead the EC offense. Hill was the top run producer with two RBIs. Noakley also knocked in a run.

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Warriors drop series with Northwest

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By Marty Stamper

Appeal Sports Editor

Northwest Mississippi bounced back from a one-game deficit to sweep East Central Community College Saturday in their MACJC baseball playoff series at Senatobia.

The losses ended EC's year with a 28-20 record.

EC took the opener 8-5 in 11 innings on Friday, but lost 10-8 and 10-5 on Saturday.

The Warriors defeated Pearl River (10-2) earlier in the week in a tiebreaker for third place in the South Division.

EC 10
Pearl River 2

The Warriors built an early 8-0 lead in beating Pearl River in a playoff at Poplarville for third place in the South Division on May 3.

EC, 27-18, got all the runs it needed in the first inning as the Warriors scored four runs.

B.J. Martin and Tyler Brant had RBI-singles in the inning.

EC added four more runs in the third as Fred Hampton, Darmaal Moore, and Jeremy May had RBI-singles.

Tanner Noakley added a two-run double in the fourth.

Pearl River got both of its runs in the third.

Martin and Brant both had a double and a single and Vincent Kortbawi had a pair of singles to lead EC.

EC starter Pervis Mann (6-1) got the win with two innings of work.

Pearl River dropped to 27-19.

EC 8
Northwest 5

MACJC South

Through May 11

	Div.	All
Jones	19-5	35-14
Gulf Coast	14-9	23-20
East Central	13-11	28-20
Pearl River	13-11	28-21
Hinds	9-14	23-18
Co-Lin	8-16	20-25
Southwest	7-17	23-22

First Round Series

Northwest 5-10-10, East
Central 8-8-5
Jones 13-2-10, East Miss-
issippi 0-3-4
Gulf Coast 10-9, Itawam-
ba 2-7
Holmes 3-10-7, Pearl
River 5-0-5

• Winners qualified for state tournament

EC, 28-18, turned three double plays in the win.

The Warriors took a 3-1 lead in the second inning only to have Northwest, 27-17, pull even in the bottom of the frame.

In the third, Vincent Kortbawi hit a solo homer for EC, while Dex Herrington did the same in the inning for the Rangers.

A two-out RBI single from Austin Overall in the bottom of the sixth put Northwest up 5-4.

But the Warriors capitalized in the 11th off the fifth Ranger error of the game, putting Kyle Moore on base to lead off the frame.

After Kortbawi's sacrifice bunt moved Moore to second, Martin sent a shallow fly ball into left field that scored Moore on a play at the plate for the game-winning run. A pair of bases-loaded walks extended EC's lead to 8-5.

Brock Ward got the win in relief. He hurled a scoreless 10th inning and allowed no hits.

from a 7-0 deficit and pulled even at 8-8 with four runs in the fourth and fifth frames.

Northwest tallied twice in the bottom of the seventh for the win.

B.J. Martin had two singles and a homer to drive in three runs for EC. Tanner Noakley had three singles, Vincent Kortbawi had a pair of singles, and Jeremy May had a double.

Josh Johnson had a triple and two singles for Northwest. Dylan Castoria, Drew Griffin, and Jeremy Carlisle each had two hits. Bradley Noland homered for the Rangers.

Tyler Dalton took the loss in relief of Colton Mitchell, who gave up eight runs on 11 hits and one walk in five innings.

In the rubber game, EC grabbed an early 3-0 lead, but the Rangers rallied to tie the contest in the third and took a 5-3 lead after five innings.

The Warriors tied the game with two runs in the sixth, but Northwest, 29-17, responded with a five-run eighth to take the series and secure a berth in the MACJC State Baseball Tournament this week at Ellisville.

Also in the tournament are Jones, Gulf Coast, and Holmes.

Charles Hill and Fred Hampton homered and Martin, Noakley, and Vincent Kortbawi had two singles each to lead the EC offense. Hill also had two RBI.

Cal Cossich took the loss in relief. He allowed no earned runs on two hits through three innings. He fanned six

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B.J. Martin's RBI-single to left in the top of the 11th inning snapped a 5-5 tie for EC in Game 1 Friday.

The four-hour, 10-minute marathon saw five lead changes and 25 runners left on base.

With the Warriors down 5-4, Carlos Leal's solo homer to right field in the eighth sent the game into extra innings.

Tyler Dalton pitched the bottom of the 11th to earn his second save of the year.

Leal went 3-for-4 to lead EC. Kortbawi, Martin, and Fred Hampton each had two hits.

Herrington was 3-for-6 for Northwest.

Northwest	10-10
EC	8-5

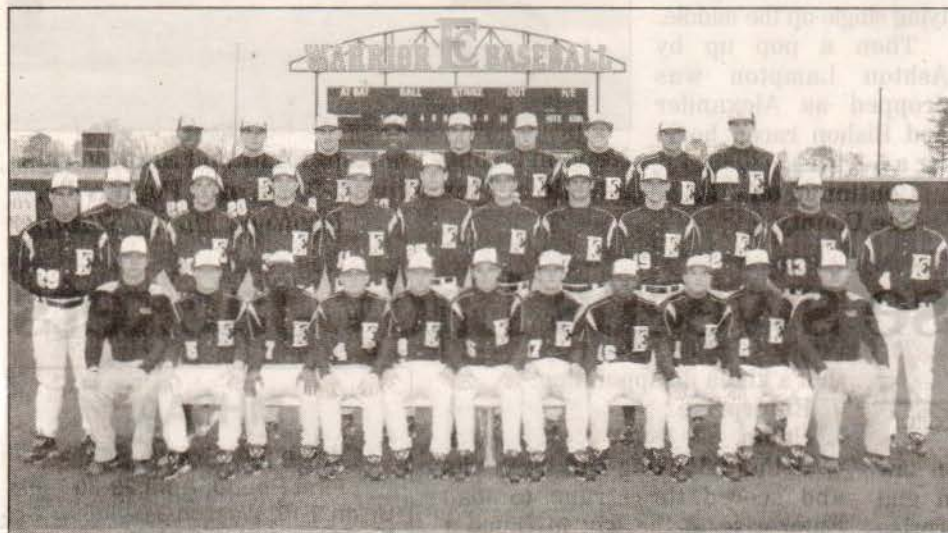
In Saturday's first game, EC battled back

and walked one.

Pervis Mann was the starter and allowed five earned runs on eight hits through 4 2/3 innings.

Following a passed ball on a swinging strike three, the Rangers took the lead when Drwe Klepzig was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded.

Drew Griffin followed with a grand slam to left-center.



ECCC Diamond Warriors

Members of the 2011 East Central Community College baseball team are (seated, from left) manager Scott Ming, pitcher/infielder Tyler Dalton, outfielder Jerrod Myers, infielder Taylor Parks, catcher/infielder/outfielder Jeremy May, infielder Tanner Noakley, pitcher Mitchell Wooten, outfielder Darmaal Moore, pitcher Bobby Bryan, infielder/catcher/outfielder Charles Hill, and manager Jake Frasier; (second row) head coach Neal Holliman, assistant coach Michael Avalon, pitcher Joel McKee, infielder Kyle Moore, pitcher Casey Wells, pitcher Seth Kidd, pitcher Brock Ward, outfielder Tyler Neal, pitcher Evan Humphries, pitcher Pervis Mann, graduate assistant Jesus Aleman, and assistant coach Hunter Vick; and (back row) infielder B.J. Martin, catcher Carlos Leal, third baseman Vincent Kortbawi, outfielder Fred Hampton, outfielder Tyler Brant, pitcher Colton Mitchell, first baseman/pitcher Richie Long, pitcher Willard Bacon, and pitcher Cal Cossich. The Diamond Warriors finished their season with a 28-20 record.

Bacon, host of other EC baseball players pick up honors

Former Choctaw Central pitcher Willard Bacon has been named a second-team, all-state selection by the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior College for his play at this past season on the East Central Community College baseball team.

Bacon went 5-1 and had the team's lowest earned-run average at 1.70. He recorded 31 strikeouts.

He plans to continue his playing career at the University of Alabama-Huntsville.

Several other East Central Community College players received honors following the 2011 campaign.

Third baseman Vincent Kortbawi of Moundville, Ala., was selected All-Region 23 and first team MACJC All-State. He was also named an NJCAA Academic All-American and was selected the Diamond Warriors' most valuable player. He led ECCC on offense with a .385 batting average and 43 RBIs. He also led in home runs (eight), triples (3), doubles (14) and total hits (60).

Also receiving first team MACJC All-State honors is pitcher Colton Mitchell of Lake.

The southpaw was also selected the Diamond Warriors' most valuable pitcher. Mitchell went 7-3 on the mound with a 3.92 ERA. He led the squad in strikeouts with 62. The Lake High School product plans to continue his career at Delta State University.

Other Diamond Warriors chosen second team MACJC All-State include second baseman Charles Hill and southpaw Pervis Mann, both of Carthage; and southpaws Bobby Bryan of Crossett, Ark.

The Diamond Warriors finished third in the MACJC South Division and qualified for the post season playoffs en route to a 28-20 record.

East Central baseball's program is led by head coach Neal Holliman and



EC's May, Bryan Continue Careers

East Central Community College baseball standouts Jeremy May (left) of Little Rock and Bobby Bryan (right) of Crossett, Ark., are shown signing national letters of intent to continue their careers as head coach Neal Holliman looks on. May, a catcher/infielder/outfielder, has signed with Mississippi Valley State University in Itta Bena. He is a product of Newton County High School. Bryan, a southpaw hurler, is taking his talents to Delta State University in Cleveland. He is a product of Crossett (Ark.) High School. The Diamond Warriors finished third in the MACJC South Division and completed season action with a 28-20 record.

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ECCC Baseball Team Honors Harrison

Ricky Harrison (second from left), longtime supporter of the East Central Community College baseball program and career-technical faculty member, was honored during pre-game activities of the Warriors' regular season finale with Southwest Mississippi Community College on April 28 at the Clark/Gay Baseball Complex in Decatur. Harrison, who tossed the ceremonial first-pitch to begin the contest, was presented with a framed jersey that includes the number he wore as a pitcher/third baseman on the 1976-78 squads. He was a standout member on the Warrior football team as well. Harrison retired in May as drafting instructor after 29 years of service. Participating in the ceremony were (from left) Neal Holliman, head baseball coach; assistants Hunter Vick and Michael Avalon and sophomore Diamond Warrior Jeremy May of Newton County High School. May, a sophomore catcher/infielder/outfielder, is a longtime friend of Harrison and was catcher for the ceremonial first-pitch.

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ECCC Sophomore Baseball Players Honored

These sophomore members of the East Central Community College baseball team were honored during pre-game activities of their 2011 home finale at the Clark/Gay Baseball Complex in Decatur. Honorees and their respective high schools include (seated from left) outfielder Tyler Brant, Southaven; infielder/second baseman Charles Hill, Carthage; outfielder Darmaal Moore, Stone County; catcher/infielder/outfielder Jeremy May, Newton County; outfielder Jerrod Myers, Jackson St. Andrew's; right-handed pitcher/infielder Tyler Dalton, Winston Academy; and southpaw Bobby Bryan, Crossett (Ark.); and standing right-handed pitcher Joel McKee, Neshoba Central; southpaws Colton Mitchell of Lake and Pervis Mann of Carthage; right-hander Cal Cossich, Ocean Springs; southpaw Willard Bacon, Choctaw Central; first baseman Richie Long, Carthage; and third baseman, Vincent Kortbawi of Hale County H.S. in Moundville, Ala. The sophomore standouts were joined by family members for the special ceremony. ECCC swept Southwest Mississippi by scores of 10-3 and 9-3 en route to a 28-20 season record. The Diamond Warriors are led by head coach Neal Holliman.

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ECCEC baseball assistant Michael Avalon named MDCC head coach

OF August 21, 2011

After serving five years as assistant baseball coach at East Central Community College in Decatur, Michael Avalon is now in charge of his own program.

Avalon was recently selected head baseball coach at Mississippi Delta Community College in Moorhead.

ECCEC head baseball coach Neal Holliman hired Coach Avalon when he took over the Diamond Warrior program in 2006. Holliman praised his former assistant and said Avalon is well prepared to be a head coach.

"I cannot begin to say what Coach Avalon has meant to East Central baseball and East Central as an institution," said Holliman.

"I don't know of anyone on campus that didn't hold Coach Avalon in very high regard including myself. There are not many people you run across in this world that are as loyal and willing to sacrifice like Coach

Avalon did for the growth of our program.

"He will always be a close friend and I will always be appreciative of his efforts. This is a great opportunity for Coach Avalon and his family and I know he is ready for this next step in his career and will build a program that MS Delta will be proud to call theirs."

Avalon, whose main duties at East Central included serving as pitching coach, camp coordinator/instructor and recruiter, helped the Diamond Warriors capture the MACJC State Baseball Championship in 2007. The 2010 squad finished state runners-up with a 39-20 mark. The 2011 squad finished third in the MACJC South Division and qualified for post-season play en route to a 28-20 mark.

Prior to joining the ECCEC staff in 2006, Avalon was a graduate assistant at the University of

West Alabama during the 2006 and 2005 campaigns, serving as pitching coach, recruiter and camp coordinator. His duties also included scouting, field maintenance and preparation, and fundraising.

In addition, he was responsible for monitoring the academic progress of student athletes and providing assistance in advising.

Avalon helped lead the 2005 Diamond Tigers to the Gulf South Conference championship and a berth in the NCAA Division II South Central Regional before finishing with a 45-19 record. The squad was also recognized as having one of the top pitching staffs in the conference. UWA finished second in total pitching under Avalon's direction.

The 2005 team also achieved a top 25 national ranking all season and was ranked as high as See ECCEC name of

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fourth. The Diamond Tigers completed the 2005 season ranked 19th by Collegiate America.

Success continued for the 2006 squad, which finished conference runners-up and participated in the South Central Regional en route to a 42-22 mark.

Avalon's coaching experience also includes stints as head coach of the West Alabama American Senior League team in 2005 and as an assistant of the West Alabama Junior League squad the same year. He led the Forest Hill Senior League team in 2002. He has also worked several baseball camps in Alabama and Mississippi.

A standout pitcher, Avalon was a member of the 2004 UWA squad and played the previous season at Lincoln Memorial University in Harrogate, Tenn. He was also a two-year standout at Holmes Community College in Goodman, where he was named to All-Region 23 and MACJC

All-State second teams.

A graduate of Forest Hill High School, Avalon received an associate's degree in liberal arts at HCC, where he was a member

Edmonson joins ECCC baseball

From press reports

Former Diamond Warrior Jack Edmonson of Louisville has returned to his alma mater as an assistant baseball coach, announced Neal Holliman, East Central Community College head baseball coach.

Holliman said Edmonson will be responsible for coaching infield players and hitters and will also oversee the team's strength and conditioning program.

Prior to joining the ECCC baseball staff in June 2011, Edmonson attended Mississippi Valley State University in Itta Bena, where he was a starting first baseman for the Delta Devils in 2009-10 and served as a student assistant baseball coach in 2010-11. He received a bachelor's degree in health, physical education and recreation in May 2011.

Edmonson also

served as an assistant baseball coach at Mississippi Delta Community College in Moorhead from January to May 2011, prior to joining the ECCC baseball staff.

His coaching experience also includes serving as head coach of the Mississippi Prospects Team during the summers of 2010 and 2011. He served as head coach of the Cotton States Performance Sports Team in Jackson during the summer of 2009.

Edmonson was a standout infielder on the ECCC baseball team, earning The



Edmonson

Warrior award in 2008-09 and most improved player in 2007-08.

He received an Associate of Arts in Physical Education from ECCC in 2009.

Edmondson is a product of Nanih Waiya High School.



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Diamond Darlings



Diamond Girls were recently announced at East Central Community College in Decatur. Members and their respective high schools include (front row, from left) Hannah Farmer, Newton County; Lauren Daniels, Neshoba Central; Jon Marie Baucum, Newton County; Holli Nutt, Morton; Alexa Graham, Winston Academy; Shamiski Collier, Neshoba Central; Marquitta Moore, Newton; and Claire Griffin, Newton County; (second row, from left) Persiphiny Wingo, Morton; Alex Stuart, Neshoba Central; Brittany Burton, Winston Academy; Allison Perry and Kayleigh McCool, both of Neshoba Central; Kourtney Johnson, Union; Meghan Johnson, Leake Academy; Emily Marler and Kierra Ealy, both of Morton; and Hannah McCloud, Newton County; and (third row, from left) Courtney Mackey, West Lauderdale; Ouida Meruvia, Neshoba Central; Raychal Reed, Winston Academy; Ally Loper, Leake Academy; Kendal Taylor, Central Academy; Alyse Webb, Noxapater; and Haley Chaney, Newton County. Not pictured is Jordan Clearman, Neshoba Central. Assistant baseball coach Jack Edmonson serves as sponsor. (EC Photo)

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ECCC Baseball Players Honored

Above are two sophomore members of East Central Community College's baseball squad who were recently awarded team scholarships and another sophomore who signed a national letter of intent to continue his career on the university level. From left are right-handed pitcher Evan Humphries of Louisville and outfielder Fred Hampton of Nanih Waiya high schools, respectively, who signed national letters of intent with the Diamond Warriors, and catcher Carlos Leal of Guaynabo, Puerto Rico, who will join the Delta State University baseball squad in 2012. Also pictured is Diamond Warrior head coach Neal Holliman, who said he is "very proud" to award scholarships to Humphries and Hampton. "Both of these two young men have undoubtedly earned this privilege by their continuous commitment, improvement and production on the baseball field. We expect both of these players to be positive contributors this spring and take pride in the fact they have bought into our program and earned the honor of receiving a baseball scholarship." Humphries is the son of David and Linda Humphries and Hampton's parents are Freddie and Victoria Hampton, all of Louisville. Leal posted a .277 batting average and .412 on-base percentage in helping lead the Diamond Warriors to a third-place finish in the MACJC South Division and a 28-20 record. His parents are Carlos Leal and Millicent Garcia. Leal joins three Diamond Warriors from the Class of 2011 who are members of the DSU baseball squad - pitchers Colton Mitchell of Lake, Tyler Dalton of Winston Academy and Bobby Bryan of Crossett (Ark.) High School. (EC Photo)

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Both EC squads sweep division foe Southwest

Curtis Loving's tip-in with 24 seconds remaining provided East Central Community College's Warriors with a stunning 63-61 victory over Southwest Mississippi Community College Thursday night in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building in Decatur.

EC's Lady Warriors were also victorious in their matchup, as they overcame a six-point half-time deficit for a convincing 81-71 win.

The Warriors, who improved to 7-5 overall and 2-1 in league play, were led by sophomore guard Kegan Houston's 24 points. Loving, also a sophomore guard, poured in 20 points. He is a product of Wadleigh High School in Harlem, New York.

Also scoring were Kenneth Barlow of Scott Central, six; Bilal Kelley, a product of Strawberry Mansion High School in Philadelphia, Penn., and Shelton Banks of Morton, four each; Sharavarus Wilson of Terry and Glenn Thomas of Loyd Star, two each; and Keondre Hodges of Newton, one. Barlow was a dominating presence on the boards

with 15 rebounds.

The Warriors made 23 of 49 field goals (46.9 percent), five of 17 three-pointers (29.4 percent) and 12 of 21 free throws (57.1 percent).

Sophomore guard Cory Lacy of West Monroe, La., pumped in 23 points to lead the Bears, who dropped to 1-9 and 0-3. George Thomas of Jackson added 14.

EC held a 32-28 advantage at halftime.

In the women's battle, freshman guard Deidra Hawkins of Dermott, Ark., poured in 29 points to lead East Central, which improved to 5-7 and 1-2.

Also scoring in double figures were freshman guards Ja'Monica Orton, 20; and Shana Ward, 11. Orton hails from Walter E. Stebbins High School in Dayton, Ohio, and Ward is a product of Carthage High School.

Other point makers were Shanequa Bufkin of Scott Central, nine; Inessa Adams of Horn Lake, four; Bianca Thomas of Sebastopol and Quentinette Odom of Scott Central, three each; and Annie Brewer of Madison Ridgeland Academy, two.

Xenobia Lavender of Noxapater led in rebounds with seven.

The Lady Warriors connected on 25 of 49 field goals (51 percent), two of seven three-pointers (28.6 percent) and 29 of 39 free throws (74.4 percent).

Aunjanique Miller of McComb tallied 18 points to lead Southwest, which fell to 6-4 and 1-2. Also scoring in double figures were Kierra Addison of South Pike, 15; and Shanekqua Bibbs of McComb, 14.

The Lady Bears led 41-35 at halftime.

ECCC squads travel to Hinds Community College Tuesday, Jan. 18, for division battles scheduled at 6 and 8 p.m. on the Utica campus.

The Lady Warriors and Warriors host division foe Copiah-Lincoln Community College Thursday, Jan. 20, with game times set for 6 and 8 p.m. in Brackeen-Wood.

East Central and Northwest Mississippi Community College teams meet Saturday, Jan. 22. The women's contest is set for 2 p.m. followed by men's action at 4 p.m. in Brackeen-Wood.



EC photo

East Central's Curtis Loving (14) and George Thomas (5) of Southwest battle for a rebound during the Warriors' 63-61 victory over the visiting Bears Thursday night. Loving poured in 20 points and made the game-winning basket for the Warriors, who improved to 7-5 overall and 2-1 in the MACJC South Division. Southwest fell to 1-9 and 0-3.

Warriors stun SWCC with last-minute tip-in

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guard Kegan Houston's 24 points. Loving, also a sophomore guard, poured in 20 points.

Also scoring was Kenneth Barlow of Scott Central who finished with six points and was a dominating presence on the boards with 15 rebounds.

EC held a 32-28 advantage at halftime.

In the women's battle, freshman guard Deidra Hawkins of Dermott, Ark., poured in 29 points to lead East Central, which improved to 5-7 and 1-2.

Also scoring in double figures were freshman

guards Ja'Monica Orton, 20; and Shana Ward, 11, the latter a product of Carthage High School.

Other point makers were Shanequa Bufkin of Scott Central, nine, as well as Bianca Thomas of Sebastopol and Quentinette Odom of Scott Central, three each.

The Lady Warriors connected on 25 of 49 field goals (51 percent), two of seven three-pointers (28.6 percent) and 29 of 39 free throws (74.4 percent).

The Lady Bears led 41-35 at halftime.

ECCC squads were set to visit Hinds on Monday.

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East Central women, men swept at home by Northwest CC

from staff reports

The East Central Community College women saw its record drop to 6-8 on the season Thursday night as they fell to Copiah-Lincoln Community College 54-59 in Decatur.

Kiare Etienne led Co-Lin (12-1) with a game-high 22 points, while G.G. Williams added 14 and Brandi Simmons dropped in 10 in the win.

The Warriors were led by Diedra Hawkins' team-best 12 points and Bianca Thomas had 11.

ECCC is back in action Saturday at 2 p.m. when it hosts Northwest Community College in a makeup game.

— Daniel Rigdon

Northwest CC	64
ECCC men	60

Co-Lin was able to complete the sweep of East Central in the nightcap squeaking by the Warriors to improve to 6-7 on the year.

ECCC was led by Kenneth Barlow's team-best 19 points, while former Quitman standout Kegan Houston followed with 11. Curtis Loving and Bilal Kelly each dropped in 10 points in the home loss.

East Central, which saw its record drop to 8-6 on the year, hosts Northwest Community College Saturday at 4 p.m.

The contest is a makeup of last week's matchup, which was postponed due to weather conditions.

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EC photo

Lady Warrior Annie Brewer (25) is pressured by a pair of Northwest defenders during East Central's 77-62 victory over the visiting Lady Rangers Saturday afternoon. Brewer, a 5-9 freshman forward from Philadelphia, is a product of Madison-Ridgeland Academy. EC improved to 7-8 overall following the non-division match-up.

EC Lady Warriors cruise to win, Warriors drop close decision

Freshman guard Deidra Hawkins poured in 24 points and led East Central Community College's women to a 77-62 thumping of Northwest Mississippi Community College Saturday afternoon in a non-division matchup held in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building on the Decatur campus.

With the win, EC's Lady Warriors improved to 7-8 overall under sixth-year head coach Bill Smith.

In addition to Hawkins — who hails from Dermott (Ark.) High School, other EC scorers were Ja'Monica Orton, a product of Walter E. Stebbins High School in Dayton, Ohio, 12; Shana Ward of Carthage, nine; Kurlysha Bell of Kosciusko and Quentnette Odom of Scott Central, eight each; Inessa Adams of Horn Lake, Bianca Thomas of Sebastopol and Annie Brewer of Madison-Ridgeland Academy, four each; and Xenobia Lavender of Noxapater and Shanequa Bufkin of Scott Central, two each. Orton was the top rebounder with eight boards.

The Lady Warriors made 31 of 62 field goals (50 percent), two of seven three-point shots (28.6 percent) and 13 of 17 free throws (76.5 percent).

In the men's contest, A. J. Cunningham of

Northwest drained a three-pointer with 1:05 remaining to snap a 62-62 tie and the Rangers held on for a 66-62 decision.

Sophomore guard Kenneth Barlow of Scott Central pumped in 19 points and grabbed 10 rebounds to lead EC, which dropped to 8-7 under fifth-year head coach Maurice Bowie.

Other Warrior point makers were Bilal Kelley, a product of Strawberry Mansion High School in Philadelphia, PA, and Shelton Banks of Morton, eight each; Curtis Loving of Wadleigh High School in Harlem, NY, and Glenn Thomas of Loyd Star, seven each; Keondre Hodges of Newton, six; Kegan Houston of Quitman, four; and Sharvarus Wilson of Terry, three.

The Warriors connected on 24 of 63 field goals, three of 14 treys and six of 12 free throws.

ECCC squads return to MACJC South Division action tonight (Monday) by traveling to Pearl River Community College. Game times are 5 and 7 p.m. on the Poplarville campus.

The Lady Warriors and Warriors host Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College Thursday, Jan. 27. Women's action begins at 6 p.m. followed by the men's contest at 8 p.m. in Brackeen-Wood.

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ECCEC women roll past Northwest

The East Central Community College women knocked off Northwest from Mississippi in last week's action.

Both EC teams lost to Copiah-Lincoln.

combined reports

Co-Lin 84
EC women 59

The nationally-ranked Lady Wolves cruised past EC Thursday at Decatur.

Freshman guard Deidra Hawkins scored 12 points to lead EC, who fell to 6-8 overall and 2-3 in league play. Bianca Thomas had 11, Annie Brewer seven, and Alise Bryant six.

Kiara Etienne had 22 points to lead the eighth-ranked Lady Wolves, 12-1 and 4-0.

EC trailed 45-26 at halftime.

Co-Lin 64
EC men 60

Several Warriors missed 3-point attempts late in Thursday's division contest and Co-Lin held on for the four-point win in Decatur.

Sophomore guard Kenneth Barlow of Scott Central pumped in 19 points to lead EC, which dropped to 8-6 and 3-2.

EC also got 11 points from Kegan Houston and 10 each from Curtis Loving and Bilal Kelley.

Marcus Hooten had 27 points to lead the Wolves, who improved to 6-7 and 2-2.

EC held a 37-31 advantage at the break but was outscored 33-

23 over the second half.

EC women 77
Northwest 62

Deidra Hawkins poured in 24 points to lead EC to a 15-point thumping of Northwest Mississippi Saturday afternoon in Decatur.

EC, 7-8, also got 12 points from Ja'Monica Orton, nine from Shana Ward, and eight each from Kurlysha Bell and Quentinetta Odom.

Sandricka Bowen had 17 points to lead the Lady Rangers, 5-9.

EC held a 42-29 advantage at halftime.

Northwest 66
EC men 62

A.J. Cunningham of

Northwest drained a 3-pointer with 1:05 remaining to snap a 62-62 tie and the Rangers held on for a 66-62 decision Saturday in Decatur.

Kenneth Barlow pumped in 19 points and grabbed 10 rebounds to lead EC, 8-7.

Bilal Kelley and Shelton Banks scored eight points each. Curtis Loving and Glenn Thomas both had seven, and Keondre Hodges of Newton scored six.

Cunningham had 20 points and eight rebounds to lead Northwest, 7-8.

The Lady Warriors and Warriors host Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College on Thursday.

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EC men capture win at Northwest

Both East Central Community College basketball teams suffered losses at Jones, while the EC men from came away with a combined victory at Northwest Mississippi in last week's basketball action.

Jones 98
EC women 77

Ten EC turnovers in the first eight minutes helped stake Jones to a 54-37 halftime lead in the January 31 division win at Ellisville. The Lady Bobcats led by as many as 27 points in the opening half.

Ja'Monica Orton scored 18 points to lead the Lady Warriors, whose record dipped to 7-11 overall and 2-6 in the division. Deidra Hawkins added 13, Annie Brewer had 12, Quentinet Odom 10, Jakiala

McWilliams and Inessa Adams scored six each, and Shana Ward had five.

Tanecka Carey led Jones, 14-4 and 7-1, with 33 points. Alondra Rivers added 21.

Jones 105
EC men 89

The Warriors fell to 8-10 overall and 3-5 in division play with the January 31 loss at Ellisville.

Kenneth Barlow had 26 points to the lead the Warriors. Keondre Hodges of Newton scored 14, Kegan Houston and Jimmie Broomfield both had 10, Bilal Kelly and Glenn Thomas both scored eight, Curtis Loving had seven, and Sharavarus Wilson added six.

EC trailed 45-32 at halftime.

Jones, 9-9 and 5-3, got 29 points from Brandon Givens, 25

from Kelvin Nixon, 23 from Derrious Gilmore, and 15 from Kadeem Fleming.

Northwest 63
EC women 59

The Lady Warriors led Thursday's game at Senatobia 59-57 with 1:14 remaining, but Northwest scored the final six points as EC dropped to 7-12.

Ja'Monica Orton had 18 points to lead EC. Deidre Hawkins had 13, Kurlysha Bell eight, and Quentinet Odom six.

Brittan Patton and Erica Turner led Northwest, 7-11, with 13 points apiece.

EC men 69
Northwest 64

Free throws made the difference in EC's come-from-behind victory over Northwest Thursday night at Senatobia.

The Warriors trailed throughout the non-division battle until Keondre Hodges drained the second of two free throw attempts for a 65-64 advantage with 1:27 remaining.

Kegan Houston's jumper with 19 seconds left stretched the lead to 67-64 and Hodges made the game's final two points from the charity strip with one second left to clinch the victory.

EC made 26-of-35 free throws in improving to 9-10 overall and snapping a five-game losing skid.

Houston led the Warriors with 17 points. Hodges tossed in 16, while Kenneth Barlow and Curtis Loving both had 11. Barlow also had eight rebounds.

Martrevious Sanders had 13 points to lead the Rangers, 9-10. EC trailed 30-22 at halftime.

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ECCC Warriors still in playoff contention

Lady Warriors Also Victorious

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

DECATUR — East Central Community College's men's basketball team kept their playoff hopes alive by rallying to defeat Hinds Community College 86-81 in overtime Thursday night in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building.

The Warriors, who improved to 11-10 overall, are 5-5 in the MACJC South Division and tied for fourth place with Copiah-Lincoln. Gulf Coast leads the division at 9-3, followed by Pearl River (8-2) and Jones County (6-4). The top four teams in each division qualify for post-season.

Sophomore guard Kegan Houston of Quitman poured in 26 points to lead the Warriors, who trailed 79-73 early in the extra period before finishing on a 13-2 run to clinch the victory.

Also scoring in double figures were *Scott Central* product *Kenneth Barlow* and Curtis Loving, 16 each;



ECCC PHOTO

Kenneth Barlow (12) at right, of Scott Central, provides back-up as East Central's Kegan Houston (23) goes up for two against Hinds Community College.

and Keondre Hodges, 15. *Barlow* was also the top rebounder with 11 boards.

Other point makers were *Jimmie Broomfield* of *Scott Central*, eight; *Sharvarus Wilson* of Terry, four; and *Shelton Banks* of *Morton*, one.

Hinds held a 38-36 advantage at halftime. The score was deadlock at 73-73 at the end of regulation.

The close division battle featured 14 lead changes and the score was tied 12 times.

In the women's contest, the Lady Warriors snapped a five-game skid with a convincing 82-69 decision.

Shana Ward, a freshman

guard from Carthage, poured in 20 points to lead the Lady Warriors, who improved to 8-13 and 3-7.

Also scoring were *Quentinette Odom* of *Scott Central* and *Annie Brewer*, four each; *Bianca Thomas* of *Sebastopol*, *Xenobia Lavender*, *Shanequa Buskin* of *Scott Central* and *Alise Bryant*, two each.

The Lady Warriors and Warriors conclude regular season competition by hosting Pearl River Community College Thursday, Feb. 17, for "Sophomore Appreciation Night."

Game times are 6 and 8 p.m. in Brackeen-Wood.

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EC men keep postseason hopes alive

The East Central Community College Warriors kept their postseason hopes alive entering the final week of the 2010-11 regular season with hard-fought MACJC South Division victories over Southwest (54-50) and Hinds (86-81) last week.

The Warriors entered the week 5-5 in division play and 11-10 overall. After going to Copiah-Lincoln on Monday, EC wraps up the regular season at home Thursday against Pearl River.

The Lady Warriors lost to Southwest (76-60) and defeated Hinds (82-69). They have been eliminated from postseason play.

Southwest 76
EC women 60

Southwest jumped out to a 41-27 halftime lead in whipping EC on February 7 at Summit.

The Lady Warriors fell to 7-13 overall and 2-7 in division play.

Freshman guard Ja'Monica Orton led EC with 17 points. Deidra Hawkins scored 13, Jakiala McWilliams had eight, Shana Ward seven, and Inessa Adams six.

Kierra Addison had 24 points to lead the Lady Bears as they improved to 7-9 and 2-7.

EC men 54
Southwest 50

Kenneth Barlow of Scott Central pumped in 17 points to lead EC to a four-point win at Southwest on February 7.

The Warriors outscored the Bears 27-23 in the second half to get the win and improve to 10-10 overall and 4-5 in the division.

EC also got 14 points from Curtis Loving, 11 from Kegan Houston, and eight from Sharavarus Wilson.

Cory Lacy and P.J. McCray had 16 points each to lead Southwest, 3-13 and 2-7.

EC women 82
Hinds 69

Shana Ward, a freshman guard from Carthage, poured in 20 points to lead the Lady Warriors Thursday at Decatur as they improved to 8-13 overall and 3-7 in the South Division.

Deidra Hawkins and Ja'Monica Orton both scored 16 points, Kurllysha Bell had seven, and Inessa Adams added six.

Ward and Jakiala Williams led in rebounds with nine each.

EC led 41-36 at halftime.

Kenya Wright, Lashondra Dunson, and Raven Hubbard had 14 points each to lead Hinds, 5-16 and 1-10.

EC men 86
Hinds 81

The Warriors kept their play-

off hopes alive Thursday by rallying to defeat Hinds in overtime in Decatur. EC scored 13 of the last 15 points to claim the win.

EC improved to 11-10 overall and 5-5 in division play.

Kegan Houston of Quitman scored 26 points to lead the Warriors, who trailed 79-73 early in the extra period.

EC also got 16 points apiece from Kenneth Barlow and Curtis Loving, 15 from Keondre Hodges of Newton, and eight from Jimmie Broomfield.

Barlow was the top rebounder with 11.

Trevis Thomas led Hinds with 25 points. The Bulldogs fell to 5-16 and 1-10.

Hinds led 38-36 at halftime. The score was deadlocked at 73 at the end of regulation.

The game had 14 lead changes and 12 ties.

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East Central battles EMCC in MACJC state tournament opener

from school reports

DECATUR — Two longtime rivals will battle each other in first-round men's action of the 2011 MACJC State Basketball Tournament today at Covich-Lincoln Community College.

East Central Community College's Warriors, the South Division's No. 4 seed, and top-seeded North squad East Mississippi Community College will meet at 6 p.m. in one of four matchups scheduled on the Wesson campus.

The Warriors, who finished the regular season at 13-10 overall and 7-5 in league play under fifth-year head coach Maurice Bowie, will be looking to avenge both regular season losses (90-57, 81-77) to the nationally-ranked Lions. EMCC, ranked 13th in the latest NJCAA poll, brings a 20-3 overall record and 11-1 division mark to the single-elimination contest. The Lions are coached by Mark White.

Other men's matchups include Mississippi Delta (North No. 2) vs. Jones County (South No. 3) at 1 p.m.; Gulf Coast (South No. 1) vs. Itawamba (North No. 4) at 2:45 p.m. and the late game, Pearl River (South No. 2) vs. Northeast (North No. 3) at 7:45 p.m.

Semifinals are scheduled at 2:45 and 7:45 p.m. on Wednesday, and the men's championship battle is set for 7:45 p.m. Thursday.



munity College Wednesday on the Decatur campus.

The Lady Diamond Warriors cruised 10-2 in the opening contest and 11-3 in the nightcap. Both contests were called after five innings due to the eight-run rule.

Brittany Ponders' two-run homer in the first inning began the scoring in the opener. Ponders is a product of Southeast Lauderdale High School.

Haylee Roberts of Enterprise also homered for EC and led in RBIs with three.

Other hitters were Abbie Joiner, triple and single and Lauren Nicholas, two singles, both of Neshoba Central; Summer Alexander of Newton County, double and single; and Chelsea Jones of Enterprise, single.

Taylor Bailey went the distance in earning the victory. Bailey allowed two hits and fanned five batters. She walked one batter. Bailey is a product of Bowie High School in Austin, TX.

EC's hot bats continued in the second contest and Ponders once again led the offense with three singles and three RBIs.

Kasie Buckley of Newton County contributed two singles and also collected three RBIs.

Other sluggers were Nicholas and Joiner, two singles each; Laurel Burnett of Neshoba Central, triple; and Alexander and Roberts, singles each.

Buckley went the distance in earning the victory. She allowed one earned run on four hits. She fanned four batters and walked two.

The Lady Diamond Warriors travel to Northeast Mississippi Community College Friday to participate in tournament competition Feb. 25-26 on the Booneville campus.

— from school reports

East Central Community College's baseball team rallied for a 10-3 decision in the nightcap to earn a split of their doubleheader with Shelton State Community College Wednesday in Tuscaloosa.

In the first game, East Central (6-4) managed just five hits — a double by Darmaal Moore of Stone County, and singles from Carlos Leal of Guaynabo, Puerto Rico, Kyle Moore of Southaven, Jeremy May of Newton County and Taylor Parks of Manchester Academy.

May and Vincent Kortbawi of Hale County High School in Moundville, Ala., were each credited with an RBI.

Southpaw Bobby Bryan of Crossett (Ark.) High School took the loss. Bryan allowed three earned runs on six hits through four innings. He fanned a batter and walked one.

In the second contest, the Diamond Warrior bats came alive during an eight-run sixth inning, highlighted by Kortbawi's two-run double. A double by Richie Long of Carthage also brought home a run and runs scored following singles by Moore, Tanner Noakley of Ocean Springs and Jerrod Myers of Jackson St. Andrews.

Myers led EC with a double and two singles. He also collected two RBIs.

Long had a double and single; May, two singles; Kortbawi and Tyler Brant of Southaven, doubles each; and Darmaal Moore, Kyle Moore and Noakley, singles each. Kortbawi finished with three RBIs, and Myers and Noakley had two RBIs each.

Southpaw Colton Mitchell of Lake was the winning pitcher. Mitchell hurled five scoreless innings and allowed just two hits. He fanned seven batters.

ECCC hosts Northwest Mississippi Community College Saturday, Feb. 26, in doubleheader action beginning at 1 p.m. at the Clark/Gay Baseball Complex.

— from school reports

JUCO SOFTBALL

ECCC sweeps Holmes

East Central Community College's softball team improved to 4-0 on the young season following a doubleheader sweep of Holmes Com-

JUCO BASEBALL

ECCC Diamond Warriors Rally for Split with Shelton State

After falling 9-3 in the opener,

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ECCC Sophomore Warriors Recognized

Sophomores on the East Central Community College men's basketball team were honored during the regular season finale with Pearl River Community College Thursday, Feb. 17 in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building on the Decatur campus. The Warriors rallied to defeat the ninth-ranked Wildcats 75-70 and qualified for the MACJC State Basketball Tournament. From left are student assistant Jeremi Jones, a product of Newton County High School; (21) Keondre Hodges of Newton, (14) Curtis Loving, a product of Wadleigh High School in Harlem, N.Y.; (20) Bilal Kelley, Strawberry Mansion High School, Philadelphia, PA; (23) Kegan Houston of Quitman, (31) Shelton Banks of Morton, (12) Kenneth Barlow of Scott Central and (3) Sharavarus Wilson of Terry, who were joined by family members for the special ceremony. EC completed regular season action with a 13-10 overall record and 7-5 mark in the MACJC South Division under fifth-year head coach Maurice Bowie. (EC Photo)

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Warriors clinch berth in state tourney

The Warriors of East Central Community College secured a berth in this week's MACJC State Tournament from Wesson with hard-fought wins over Copenhag-

from combined reports

Lincoln (61-60) and nationally-ranked Pearl River (75-70) in last week's action.

East Central, which finished the regular season with a 13-10 record under fifth-year head coach Maurice Bowie, enters the single-elimination event as the fourth seed from the South Division with a 7-5 mark.

The Warriors were set to battle North Division champion East Mississippi Community College Tuesday in first-round men's action.

That winner will meet the Pearl River-Northeast Mississippi winner tonight. Finals are

set for 7:45 p.m. on Thursday.

Copenhag-Lincoln 81
EC women 55

Co-Lin pulled out to a 41-24 halftime lead in the February 14 division blowout at Wesson.

Quentinette Odom and Shana Ward had 10 points each to lead the Lady Warriors, who fell to 8-14 overall and 3-8 in league play.

EC also got nine points from Ja'Monica Orton and six each from Deidra Hawkins and Alise Bryant.

Paige Webster led nationally-ranked Co-Lin, 19-1 and 11-0, with 16 points.

EC men 61
Copenhag-Lincoln 60

Sophomore guard Kegan Houston of Quitman scored 21 points to lead EC to the one-point victory at Wesson on February 14.

With the win, the Warriors

improved to 12-10 overall and 6-5 in the MACJC South Division.

EC also got 13 points from Bilal Kelly, 11 from Curtis Loving, and nine from Kenneth Barlow.

Marcus Hooten led Co-Lin with 25 points.

EC, which led throughout the division battle, held a 32-29 advantage at halftime.

Pearl River 52
EC women 38

The Lady Warriors' rare losing season ended with the 14-point loss at Decatur last Thursday.

EC, 8-15 overall and 3-9 in division play, got 10 points from Quentinette Odom of Scott Central, nine from Shanequa Bufkin, also of Scott Central; and six each from Annie Brewer and Inessa Adams.

Quentessa Bullock and

Alayna Bridges had nine points each for the Lady Wildcats, who improved to 11-9 and 8-4 under former EC assistant Toby Bush.

EC trailed 26-21 at the break.

EC men 75
Pearl River 70

The Warriors clinched a post-season berth with Thursday's win over nationally-ranked Pearl River at Decatur.

EC trailed 38-28 at halftime, but outscored the Wildcats 47-32 in the second half for the win.

Freshman guard Jimmie Broomfield of Scott Central helped spark the Warrior rally with 17 points. Keondre Hodges of Newton had 15, Kegan Houston had 12, Sharavarus Wilson nine, Kenneth Barlow eight, and Bilal Kelly six.

Phillip Crawford had 20 points to lead the ninth-ranked Wildcats, who fell to 19-4.

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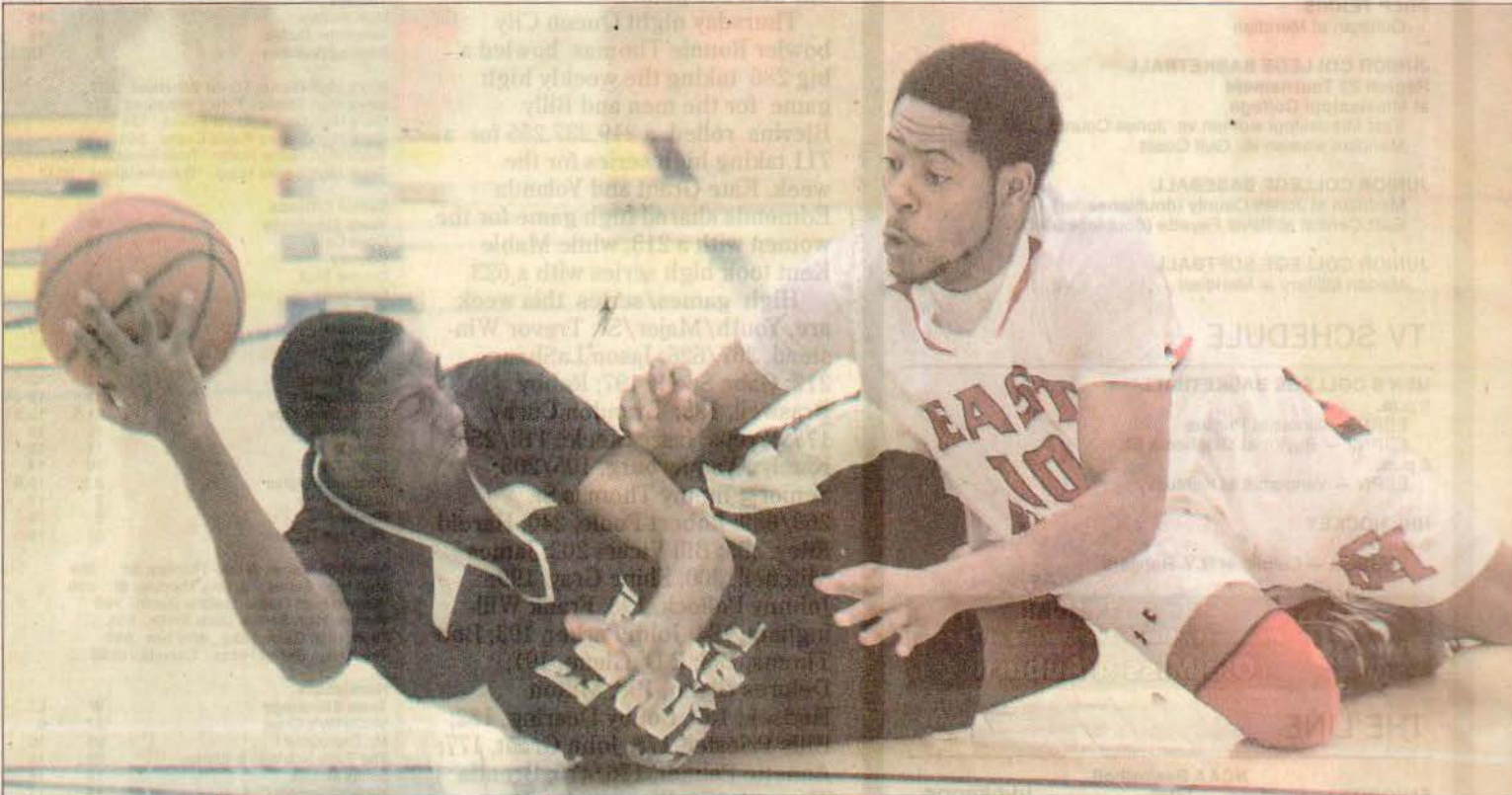
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Unusual suspects



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East Central Community College's Keondre Hodges passes the ball behind his back from the floor as East Mississippi College's Deonte Alexander goes for the ball Monday at Mississippi College in Clinton.

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away," White added. "Those two guys — Donovan and Tra — were just huge for us, just huge."

East Central wasn't done, though. The Warriors emerged from halftime on a run, scoring six points in the first two minutes and closing within 46-44 on a Shelton Banks drive with 16:50 left. However, he couldn't finish the three-point play and the Warriors never got that close again.

"We really had to come out and play our butts off to get the lead down to two," Bowie said. "We just got worn down coming down the stretch."

The Lions, who will face Pearl River at noon Wednesday in a region semifinal, pulled away in part due to improved play from their leaders in the second half. Alexander, who averages a team-leading 16.4 points, scored eight of his 11 in the second half, while King added eight of his nine points and five of his six rebounds after the break. Millaun Brown added 10 points and six rebounds.

"Deonte made some huge shots that second half," White said. "That's what we're all about, though."

East Central, meanwhile, was led with 14 points from Curtis Loving and Kenneth Barlow each. Keondre Hodges added 12 and Kegan Houston and Bilal Kelley each finished with 10.

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McPhearson, Walker lead No. 7 Lions past Warriors

By Jamie Wachter

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CLINTON — With their top three scorers held in check, the East Mississippi Community College Lions had to find a new option Monday.

Enter Tradarius McPhearson. Averaging just 3.9 points per game, the freshman poured in a game-high 20 to lead No. 7 EMCC past East Central 81-74 in the first round of the NJCAA Region 23 tournament at A.E. Wood Coliseum on the Mississippi College campus.

McPhearson had scored in double figures just twice all season, including his previous season-high of 14 against the Warriors last week in the MACJC state tournament. But in the fourth meeting between the two rivals — all won by EMCC — McPhearson came up even bigger.

Coming off the bench, the 6-foot-1 guard scored 11 points in the first half to help EMCC (22-4) grab a 42-34 lead despite limited production from sophomores Deonte Alexander and Jonathan King and freshman point D.J. Evans. The trio, who average 43.6 points, mustered just eight points in the first half — all coming in the first five minutes.

"Yeah, we really held Deonte, DJ and Jonathan in check but those other guys got some buckets in the first half and they were able to build on that," East Central coach Marcus Bowie said as his Warriors finish 13-12. "We did a better job on DJ and Deonte. They really did a good job the first three games, controlling the pace of the game and getting into situations. We really played those guys hard man-to-man, and made other guys make plays.

"Those other guys stepped up and made critical plays and made critical shots."

After the early barrage from the Lions' usual suspects, it was McPhearson who helped EMCC take control. His 3-pointer with 14:18 remaining in the opening half gave the Lions the lead for good at 15-12. With four minutes left before the break, he drained another 3 that pushed EMCC's lead to 35-24.

"He played super," EMCC coach Mark White added.

With McPhearson, who also had five assists and three steals, picking up the slack, Meridian High product Donovan Walker was doing his part in slicing through the ECCC defense. The sophomore forward scored 11 of his 18 in the first half, routinely getting into the lane and to the free throw line. He hit 10 of 12 free throws in the game.

"That's what he did and he made two free throws down the stretch to put it



East Mississippi Community College's Tradarius McPhearson gets sandwiched by a pair of East Central defenders Monday at Mississippi College in Clinton.

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ECCC Warriors fall from Region 23 in first round

❑ **Men finish
season with
mark of 13-12**

Five East Central Community College Warriors scored in double figures but their efforts fell short in an 81-74 loss to nationally-ranked East Mississippi Community College in first-round action of the Region 23 Tournament held at Mississippi College's A.E. Wood Coliseum on the Clinton campus.

East Central, which completed season play at 13-12 under fifth-year head coach Maurice Bowie, rallied from a 42-34 halftime deficit to close within two points at 46-44 with 16:50 left but could get no closer and the seventh-ranked Lions held on to advance to Wednesday's semi-final round.

"We really had to come out and play our butts off to get the lead down to two," said Bowie. "We just got worn down coming down the stretch."

Sophomore guards Kenneth Barlow and Curtis Loving led EC with 14 points each. Barlow is product of Scott Central High School and Loving hails from Wadleigh High

School in Harlem, N.Y.

Also scoring in double figures were Greg Hodo of Northwest Rankin, 12; and Bilal Kelley of Strawberry Mansion High School in Philadelphia, PA and Kegan Houston of Quitman, 10 each.

Other point makers were Shelton Banks of Morton, eight; and Jimmie Broomfield of Scott Central, six.

The Warriors connected on 28 of 61 (45.9 percent) field goals, three of 15 treys (20 percent) and 15 of 24 (62.5 percent) free throws.

Tradarrius McPhearson of Raymond poured in 20 points to lead East Mississippi.

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MACJC All-Star basketball to be hosted at East Central

from school reports

The state's top sophomore JUCO basketball players will have an opportunity to showcase their talents when the annual MACJC All-Star Basketball Games are held March 28 at East Central Community College in Decatur.

Women's action begins at 5 p.m. and will be followed by the men's contest at 7 p.m. in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building.

Admission is \$5 per person.

Named to the South Division All-Star women's squad are Kenyatta Epps, Pearl River; Kierra Addison and Brittany Patterson, both of Southwest; Tanecka Carey and Kianna Harris, both of Jones County; Deonica McCormick, Gulf Coast; Brandi Simmons, Kiara Etienne, G. G. Williams and Sedreka Plummer, all of Copiah-Lincoln; Shanequa

Bufkin, East Central; and LaShondra Dunson, Hinds.

Sandra Sumrall of Jones County will serve as head coach.

North Division women All-Stars are Autumn Jones, Delta; Ebony Williams, Anna Hill and Mandy Collins, all of Itawamba; Tia Nunnally and Malea Malone, both of Coahoma; Amber Johnson, Northeast; Jamie Gunter and Kemper County product RoTasha Windom, both of East Mississippi; Lanita Futrell, Northwest; Tiffany Williams and Marquisha Pointer, both of Holmes.

Ron Aldy of Holmes will serve as head coach.

Selected on the South Division men's All-Star team are P. J. McCray, Southwest; Erik Burks and Derek Burks, both of Hinds; Phillip Crawford and

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East Central Community College's Keondre Hodges passes the ball behind his back from the floor as East Mississippi College's Deonte Alexander goes for the ball during a first-round game of the Region 23 Tournament at Mississippi College in Clinton. Both were named MACJC All-Stars.

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Pedro Maciel, both of Pearl River; Brandon Givens and Derrius Gilmore, both of Jones County; Kenneth Barlow and Newton product Keondre Hodges, both of East Central; Raymond Cintron and Marlon Williams, both of Gulf Coast; and Marcus Hooten, Copiah-

Lincoln.

Bubba Skelton of Jones County will serve as head coach.

North Division men All-Stars are Reggie Fondren and Akeem Anderson, both of Northwest; Jestonia Kimber and Jarvis Moore, both of Delta; Jonathan King and Deonte Alexander, both of East Mississippi; Wendell Williams and Melvin Morgan, both of Itawamba;

Jeff Stubbs and Curtis Bailey, both of Holmes; Tony Payne, Coahoma; and Tyler Pritchard, Northeast.

Jason Flanigan of Holmes will serve as head coach.

For more information, contact Bill Smith, ECCC women's head basketball coach, 601-635-2111 or call toll free, 877-462-3222, ext. 243. His e-mail address is bsmith@eccc.edu.

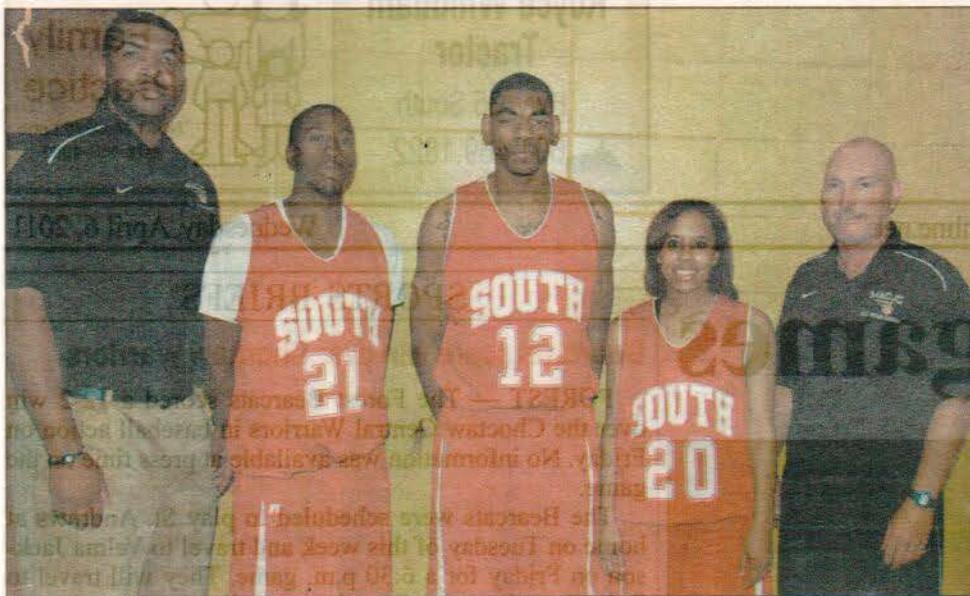
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LOCAL PLAYERS NAMED ALL-STARS

Representing East Central Community College in the annual MACJC All-Star Basketball Games were (second from left) Keondre Hodges, of Newton High School, and Kenneth Barlow and Shanequa Bufkin, both former standouts at Scott Central High School. Barlow helped lead the South men to a 98-89 decision over the North All-Stars, and Bufkin was on the winning side of the South women's easy 92-64 win. Barlow scored nine points and collected five rebounds in the victory. Bufkin did not score but was credited with a pair of rebounds. Pictured with the ECCC All-Stars are Warrior head basketball coach Maurice Bowie (left) and Lady Warrior head mentor Bill Smith. The annual matchups were held Monday, March 28 in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building on the ECCC campus in Decatur.

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Henry signs with ECCC

Thomastown senior Marcus Henry, seated center, recently signed a National Letter of Intent to join the East Central Warriors on the basketball court this fall. The standout hoopster was joined, from

left seated, by his mother Tina Henry and ECCC coach Maurice Bowie; standing, Thomastown coach Michael Huffman, his dad Marcus Hull and his brother Marell Henry.

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Newton Pair Receives ECCC Scholarships

Newton High School basketball standouts Tramekia Walker (seated second from left) and Ashley Hardy (seated third from left) are shown signing national letters of intent to continue their careers in 2011-12 at East Central Community College. Hardy was a Mississippi High School All-Star selection. With the new Lady Warriors are parents, Richard Ruffin (seated left) and Brenda Jones (seated right), and (standing) ECCC women's basketball coaches Britta Stephens (assistant) and Bill Smith (head coach).

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Wesley Inks with ECCC Warriors

Newton County High School basketball standout Hakeem Wesley (seated center) is shown signing a national letter of intent to continue his career in 2011-12 at East Central Community College. Wesley, a 6-foot-2 combo guard, averaged 25.2 points, 4.5 assists, 6 rebounds, and two steals per contest in the 2009-10 season. Honors include Most Valuable Offensive Player, Region 6-4A Division Tournament Outstanding Player, Top Performance, and North/South All-Star Game participant. With the new Warrior are (seated from left) his parents, James Wesley and Rachel Toole, and (standing) Maurice Bowie, ECCC men's head basketball coach, and Steve Harber, Newton County boys' basketball coach.

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NEW WARRIOR



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Newton High School basketball standout Cordarion Nichols (seated center) is shown signing a national letter-of-intent to continue his career in 2011-12 at East Central Community College in Decatur. Nichols averaged 15.9 points, 4.6 assists, 1.4 rebounds and 2.6 steals per contest. He served as team captain and received All-District honors. Pictured with the new Warrior are (seated from left) his sisters, Kimberly Nichols and Nicky Nichols; and (standing from left) Maurice Bowie, ECCC men's basketball coach and Crandal Porter, Newton boys' basketball coach. Nichols is the son of Vanessa Nichols Johnson of Newton.

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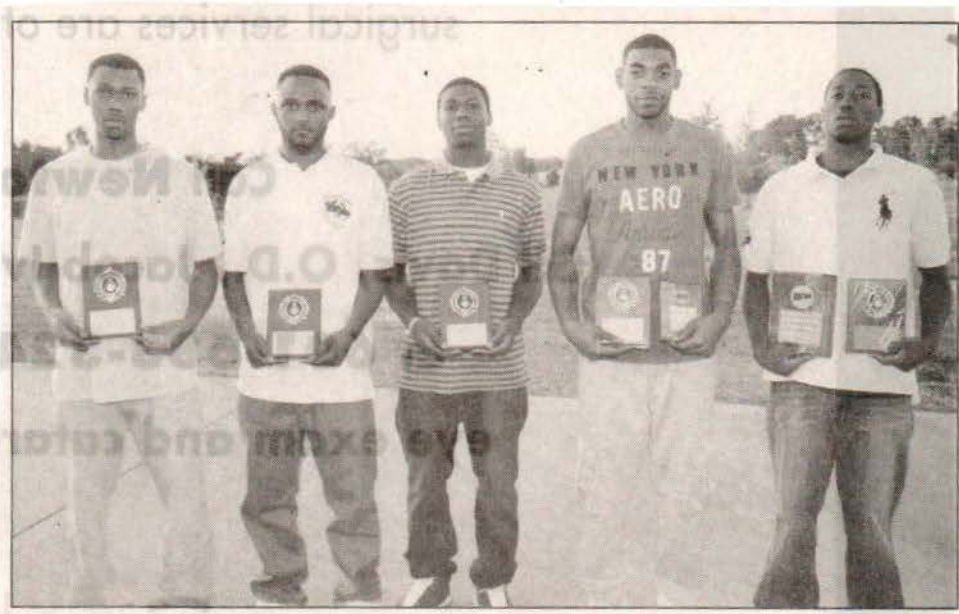
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ECCC Warrior Basketball Award Winners

These East Central Community College men's basketball players received honors at the annual Spring Sports Awards Banquet. From left are Sharavarus Wilson of Terry (Hustle Award), Glenn Thomas Jr., of Brookhaven (Most Improved), Kegan Houston of Quitman (Most Valuable Defensive Player), Kenneth Barlow of Scott Central (Most Valuable Offensive Player, All-Region 23, MACJC All-Star, and second team MACJC All-State), and Keondre Hodges of Newton (Warrior Award, All-Region 23 Tournament Team, and MACJC All-Star). Not pictured is Jackson Therrien of Newton County Academy (Scholar Athlete). The Warriors were 13-12 in the 2010-11 season.

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LYLES JOINS ECCC WARRIORS

Forest High School basketball standout Lavadius Lyles (left) is shown signing a national letter of intent to continue his career in 2011-12 at East Central Community College in Decatur. Lyles averaged 16 points, 2.2 assists, 2 rebounds and one steal per game. He received All-State and All-District honors and was named most valuable offensive player for four years. He helped lead the Bearcats to two state titles. At right is Maurice Bowie, ECCC men's head basketball coach.

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ECCC squads drop decisions to EMCC

Victory was once again denied East Central Community College's basketball squads, as the Lady Warriors were clipped 77-72 in overtime and the Warriors were outscored 86-54 in non-division matchups with East Mississippi Community College Thursday night at Keyes Currie Coliseum on the Scooba campus.

EC's women erased an early 11-point deficit and were in position to capture their first win in seven starts but Chaunderial Bell's turnaround jumper just inside the lane bounced off the rim, and the contest was sent to the extra period tied at 67-67. The Lady Lions scored the first eight points in overtime and held on for the victory.

Sophomore guard Ja'Monica Orton led EC with a season high 32 points. She was also the top rebounder with 11. Orton is a

product of Walter E. Stebbins High School in Dayton, Ohio.

Also scoring were Bell, a Kosciusko High School product, 11; Jaianah Matthew of Arkansas High School in Texarkana, 10; Kelcia Bufkin of Scott Central, seven; Inessa Adams of Horn Lake, six; Jakela Johnson of West Jones, five; and Ariel Merriweather of Tuscaloosa Central, one.

Jeraldine Campbell had 29 points to lead the Lady Lions, who improved to 1-3.

EC trailed 31-30 at the break.

Sophomore guard Jimmie Broomfield led the Warriors (0-7) with 15 points and seven rebounds. Broomfield is a product of Scott Central High School.

Other point makers were Steven Fuller, a product of Kemper County High School, 10;

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Bobby Wrench of Columbus and Nafa Maring of University Park Academy in Houston, Texas, seven each; Thomas Straughter of Jackson Callaway and Cordarion Nichols of Newton, four each; TJ Leatherwood of Northport (Ala.) High School, LaVadius Lyles of Forest and Glenn Thomas of Loyd Star, two each; and Randy Collier of South Leake, one.

D.J. Evans pumped in 20

points to lead the No. 17 Lions, who improved to 3-1.

EMCC led 43-30 at halftime.

The Lady Warriors and Warriors take a break for the Thanksgiving holidays and return to action Thursday, Dec. 1 to host Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College in the MACJC South Division opener. Game times are 6 and 8 p.m. in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building.

ECCC squads travel to Jones County Junior College Monday, Dec. 6, for division battles set for 6 and 8 p.m. on the Ellisville campus.

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These East Central Community College women's basketball team members received honors at the annual Spring Sports Awards Banquet held May 4, 2011, on the Decatur campus. From left are Jakiala McWilliams of Philadelphia, Scholar Athlete and Lady Warrior awards; Quentinet Odum of Forest, hustle award; Inessa Adams of Horn Lake, most improved; Shanequa Bufkin of Forest, most valuable defensive player and MACJC All-Star; and Ja'Monica Orton of Dayton, OH, All-Region 23 and MACJC All-State. Not pictured is Deidre Hawkins of Dermott, AR, most valuable offensive player.

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ECCC women eye rebound from losing mark

By Jamie Wachter

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Armed with just one returning starter, East Central Community College women's basketball team will look to youth to

rebound from the first losing season under coach Bill Smith.

Last year, the Warriors went just 8-15 and missed the MACJC state tournament and the NJCAA Region 23 tournament for the first time since Smith's first year in 2008-09. Overall Smith is 93-64 at ECCC.

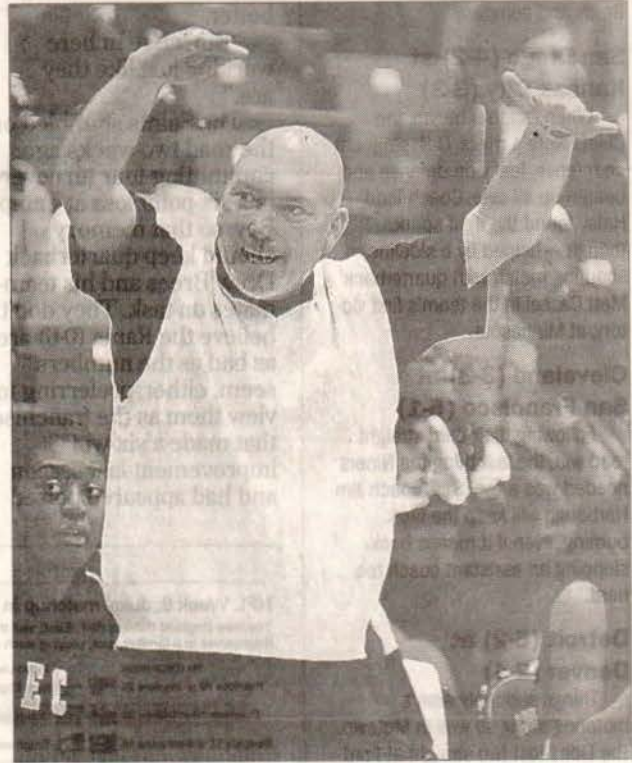
"We're going to find out Tuesday how ready they are," Smith said. "We've been practicing against ourselves for awhile and we're ready to see where we are."

The Warriors open their season Tuesday at home against Coahoma before Holmes and Northeast Mississippi visit Thursday and Saturday, respectively.

Leading ECCC will be 6-foot sophomore guard Ja'Monica Orton, who earned all-state and all-region honors after averaging 15.6 points per game. Also back for the Warriors are guard Inessa Adams and forward Kurlysha Bell.

"Orton played well for us, but she's battling a knee injury right now," Smith said. "She's not 100 percent and we just have to see how that comes along."

"She will definitely be a main cog in our wheel."



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East Central Community College coach Bill Smith looks to guide his Warriors back from their first losing season under his watch.

"They've had a year to get acclimated to the speed of the college game and hopefully they can get these freshmen ready."

Joining that trio will be a freshman crop that includes Ashley Hardy, a 5-10 forward from Newton High and Newton County product Reneisha Evans. Other newcomers are

Kelcia Bufkin, Ellen Black, Jakela Johnson, Allie Kirby, Jaianah Matthew, Xzandra Dowd and Ariel Merriweather.

"It doesn't matter where they come from, if they can help us, they can help us," Smith said. "We'll just see how they adjust and how quickly they come along."

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ECCC teams off to 0-3 starts

Both East Central Community College basketball teams from started out school their 2011-12 seasons with reports three losses last week.

ECCC fell victim to Coahoma, Holmes, and Northeast Mississippi.

Coahoma 83
EC women 78

The EC women were outscored 17-12 in overtime in the November 1 loss at Decatur.

Ja'Monica Orton led EC with 22 points and nine rebounds. Jaianah Matthew had 13 points, Ariel Merriweather had 12, Kelcia Bufkin 11, and Inessa Adams nine.

Monique-Dayana McGee had 18 points to lead Coahoma.

Coahoma led 38-28 at halftime.

Coahoma 76
EC men 64

The Warriors trailed throughout the November 1 battle in Decatur.

T.J. Leatherwood and Bobby Wrench had 11 points each to lead EC.

Alex Thompson led Coahoma with 21 points.

The Tigers led 32-22 at the break.

Holmes 73
EC women 64

Ja'Monica Orton pumped in 26 points and grabbed 10 rebounds to lead EC in Thursday's loss at Decatur.

Kelcia Bufkin scored 13 and Inessa Adams had nine for EC, 0-2.

Louise Collins had 22 points in leading Holmes. Kierra Gilmore scored 20. EC trailed 29-25 at the break.

Holmes 84
EC men 63

Jimmie Broomfield led the Warriors with 18 points in Thursday's loss at Decatur.

Bobby Wrench and Newton's Cordarion Nichols added 11 each. Hakeem Wesley of Newton County scored eight along with Marcus Henry.

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DeAndre Scott had 22 points to lead Holmes.

Holmes led 40-29 at halftime.

Northeast 78
EC women 66

Ja'Monica Orton poured in 20 points and grabbed 13 rebounds for EC, 0-3, in Saturday's loss at Decatur.

EC also got 12 points from Jaianah Matthew and seven each from Inessa Adams, Kelcia Bufkin, and Renisha Evans.

Anna Brook Page had 21 points to lead Northeast.

EC trailed 46-36 at the break.

Northeast 86
EC men 73

Thomas Straughter of Jackson Callaway and Bobby Wrench of Columbus had 15 points each to lead the Warriors in Saturday's loss at Decatur.

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Lady Warriors look for better year

The 2010-11 season was obviously a disappointing one for East Central from Community school College reports women's head basketball coach Bill Smith.

It represented the first losing campaign (8-15) for Smith, who enters his seventh season leading the Lady Warrior program.

After barely missing post-season competition his first year at the helm in 2008-09 (13-11), he led the next four squads to state and regional berths.

The 2007-08 Lady Warriors captured the Region 23 Tournament title and advanced to the NJCAA Tournament en route to a 22-8 record.

Smith, who sports an overall 93-64 record as Lady Warrior head coach, said the goal for this team is same as it is each year: have a winning season and return to the MACJC State and Region 23 tournaments. However, success will depend on a mostly

freshman squad.

"We will be very inexperienced ... with only one returning starter," said Smith. "We will have to rely on our freshmen to really come along quickly."

Smith said one word best describes the 2011-12 Lady Warriors: "gritty."

"This has been a good group of girls that has worked hard and shown a lot of grit in preparing for the upcoming campaign," said Smith. "This is also a team that hustles and plays hard for 40 minutes."

Smith hopes having the first three games at home will help propel the Lady Warriors to a successful beginning.

"Our first three games are at home and we will need to get off to a good start," Smith commented. "We need our team to gel early and hopefully get on a winning track."

The returning starter is a talented one in Ja'Monica Orton, a 6-foot guard

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ECCC Lady Warrior Basketball Team

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The freshman class "should be a good one" and is led by redshirt Kelcia Bufkin of Forest, a 5-foot-3 guard from Scott Central.

"Kelcia will be counted on heavily," commented Smith, "as will Ashlee Hardy, who will add some muscle for us inside." Hardy is a 5-foot-10 forward from Newton.

Other members of the talent-laden freshman group include centers Ellen Black (6-foot) of Scott Central, and Jakela Johnson (6-foot)

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ECCC squads swept by Holmes

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EC trailed 29-25 at the break.

Sophomore guard Jimmy

Broomfield of Scott Central led the Warriors with 18 points.

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Holmes led 40-29 at halftime.

ECCC squads host Northeast Saturday, Nov. 5. Women's action begins at 2 p. m. followed by the men's contest at 4 p.m. in Brackeen-Wood.

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Former Warrior standout Matt Riley begins his first year as assistant coach.

ECCC teams stay winless

Basketball woes continued at East Central Community College as both the Warriors and Lady Warriors combined reports went 0-2 last week to fall to 0-5 in the young season.

This week, ECCC was scheduled to go to Holmes on Monday and to East Mississippi on Thursday.

Itawamba 99
EC women 63

The Lady Warriors fell behind 53-31 in the first half of the November 7 loss at Fulton.

Kelcia Bufkin of Scott Central led EC, 0-4, with 17 points. Inessa Adams scored 10 and Chaunderial Bell and Ariel Merriweather had eight each.

LaPrecious Naylon pumped in 22 points to lead Itawamba, 2-1.

Itawamba 90
EC men 76

Jimmie Broomfield of Scott Central tallied 23

points to lead the Warriors in the November 7 loss at Fulton.

Also scoring were LaVadius Lyles with 15, Hakeem Wesley of Newton County with 10, Bobby Wrench and Cordarion Nichols of Newton with seven each, and TJ Leatherwood and Glenn Thomas with six each.

Anthony McDonald had 32 points to lead Itawamba, 1-2.

EC led 40-36 at the break before falling to 0-4.

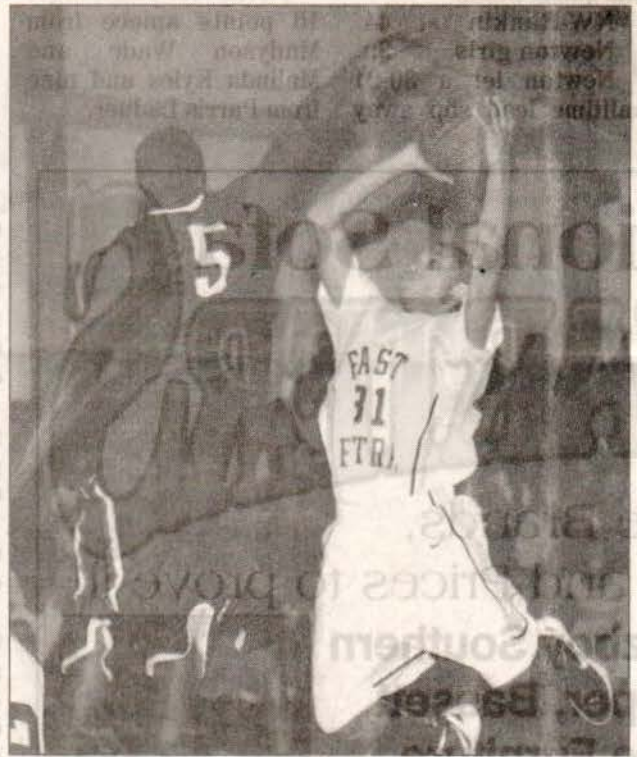
Coahoma 75
EC women 60

The Lady Warriors fell to 0-5 with Thursday's loss at Clarksdale.

Coahoma pulled away early, taking a 40-22 lead into halftime.

EC got 15 points from Inessa Adams and 12 each from Chaunderial Bell and Ja'Monica Orton.

Jasmine Goss led Coahoma with 20 points. ShaRhonda Vaughn scored 15 and Ciara Morgan had 12.



ECCC freshman guard Cordarion Nichols (31) of Newton attempts a jump shot while pressured by Holmes' Omar Travis (5) during the recent non-division game in Decatur. Nichols scored 11 points in the 84-63 loss.

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Coahoma 76
EC men 62

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Coahoma pulled out to a 41-20 lead in the first half.

Lavadius Lyles led the

Warriors with 19 points followed by TJ Leatherwood with 13 and Nafa Maring with eight.

Rashard Harris led Coahoma with 20 points. Cordaryl Campbell scored 16 and Cortavius Vaughn had 12.

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ECCC hoops squads remain winless in '11

East Central Community College's basketball squads dropped a pair of decisions to Northeast Mississippi Community College Saturday afternoon in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building on the Decatur campus.

The Lady Warriors fell 78-66 and the Warriors were outscored 86-73.

Ja'Monica Orton

poured in 20 points and grabbed 13 rebounds for EC, now 0-3 on the young campaign. Orton, a sophomore guard, is a former standout at Walter E. Stebbins High School in Dayton, Ohio.

Other point makers included Jaianah Matthew of Arkansas High School in Texarkana, 12; Inessa Adams of Horn Lake, Kelcia Bufkin of Scott Central and Renisha Evans of Newton County, seven each; Chaunderial Bell of Kosciusko, six; Ariel Merriweather of Tuscaloosa Central, four; Allie Kirby of Edinburg, two; and Ellen Black of Scott Central, one.

Anna Brook Page pumped in 21 points to lead the Lady Tigers, who improved to 1-1.

EC trailed 46-36 at the break.

Thomas Straughter of Jackson Callaway and Bobby Wrench of Columbus had 15 points each to lead the Warriors, who are also winless in three starts.

Also scoring were Marcus Henry of Thomastown, Cordarion Nichols of Newton and Glenn Thomas of Loyd Star, 10 each; T.J. Leatherwood, a product of Northridge (Ala.) High School and Jimmie Broomfield of Scott Central, four each; Hakeem Wesley of Newton County, three; and LaVadius Lyles of Forest, two.

Jermaine Holliman tallied 22 points to lead Northeast, which improved to 2-0.

The Tigers held a 42-35 advantage at halftime.

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ECCC squads remain winless after setbacks to Holmes

from school reports

DECATUR — East Central Community College's basketball teams remain winless through six starts following setbacks at Holmes Community College on Monday.

The ECCC women were unable to overcome an eight-point half-time deficit and fell 80-64 to Holmes, while the Warriors were outscored 88-64 by the undefeated Bulldogs.

Ja'Monica Orton led the EC women with 17 points. Also scoring in double figures for the Warriors, who trailed 39-31 at half-time, were Inessa Adams and Jakela Johnson with 11 each.

Kierra Gilmore pumped in 26 points to lead the Holmes women, who improved to 3-1.

LaVadius Lyles and Bobby Wrench each scored 13 points to lead the ECCC men. The other double-digit scorer was Jimmie Broomfield with 12; while Newton High product Cordarion Nichols finished with nine and former Newton County star Hakeem Wesley added eight.

Demarcus Lewis pumped in 27 points to lead the Bulldogs, who improved to 4-0 after leading 41-28 at the break.

East Central visits East Mississippi on Thursday for its final game before Thanksgiving.

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ECCC teams continue

Both East Central Community College basketball teams remained winless as they suffered losses to from Holmes combined Community College and East Mississippi Community College in last week's action.

Both ECCC teams entered the Thanksgiving break with 0-7 records.

The Lady Warriors and Warriors return to action on Thursday, Dec. 1, as they host Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College in their MACJC

South Division openers. Game times are 6 and 8 p.m. in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building.

Holmes 80
EC women 64

Holmes outscored the Lady Warriors by eight points in each half to win the November 14 contest at Ridgeland.

Ja'Monica Orton led EC, 0-6, with 17 points. Also scoring were Inessa Adams and Jakela Johnson with 11 each, Jaianah Matthew with nine, Kelcia Bufkin with seven, and Chaunderial

Bell with six.

Kierra Gilmore pumped in 26 points to lead Holmes, 3-1.

Holmes carried a 39-31 lead into halftime.

Holmes 88
EC men 64

LaVadius Lyles and Bobby Wrench both scored 13 points to lead the Warriors in the November 14 loss to Holmes at Ridgeland.

Other point makers were Jimmie Broomfield with 12, Cordarion Nichols of Newton with nine, Hakeem Wesley of Newton County with

eight, Thomas Straughter with seven, and Glenn Thomas with six.

EC fell to 0-6 with the loss.

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East Miss. 77

EC women 72

EC's women erased an early 11-point deficit and were in position to capture their first win in seven starts, but Chaunderial Bell's turnaround jumper just inside the lane bounced off the

to struggle

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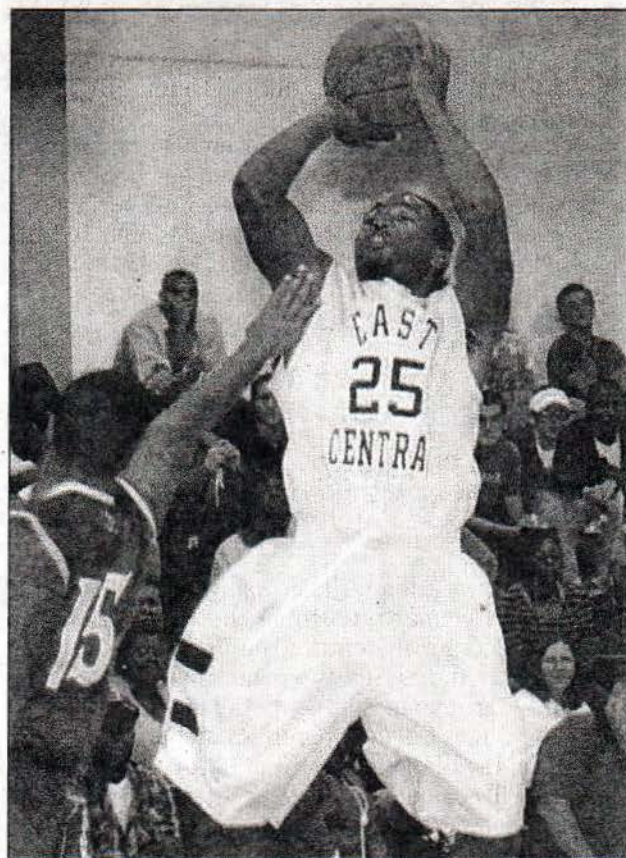
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Sophomore guard Jimmie Broomfield (25) pulls up for a jump shot during East Central Community College's recent game with Coahoma Community College.

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rim and Thursday's contest at Scooba was sent to the extra period tied at 67.

The Lady Lions scored the first eight points in overtime and held on for the victory.

Sophomore guard Ja'Monica Orton led EC with a season high 32 points. She was also the top rebounder with 11. Orton is a product of Walter E. Stebbins High School in Dayton, Ohio.

Also scoring were Bell with 11 points, Jaianah Matthew with 10, Kelcia Bufkin with seven, Inessa Adams with six, and Jakela Johnson with five.

Jeraldine Campbell had 29 points to lead East Mississippi, 1-3.

EC trailed 31-30 at the break.

East Miss.	86
EC men	54

The Warriors suffered a 32-point rout Thursday at Scooba.

Sophomore guard Jimmie Broomfield led the Warriors, 0-7, with 15 points and seven rebounds.

Other point makers were Steven Fuller with 10, Bobby Wrench and Nafa Maring with seven each, and Thomas Straughter and Cordarion Nichols of Newton with four each.

D.J. Evans pumped in 20 points to lead the No. 17 Lions, who improved to 3-1.

ECCC's Lady Warriors plan return to winning ways

The 2010-11 season was obviously a disappointing one for East Central Community College women's head basketball coach Bill Smith.

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The first test for the young Lady Warriors was a Tuesday, Nov. 1, matchup against visit-

ing Coahoma Community College at 6 p.m. in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building.

"We will be very inexperienced...with only one returning starter," said Smith. "We will have to rely on our freshmen to really come along quickly."

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Lady Warriors

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#	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Yr
4	Inessa Adams	G	5'6"	So.
5	Ellen Black	C	6'0"	Fr.
12	Alli Kirby	G	5'7"	Fr.
21	Jaianah Matthew	G	5'7"	Fr.
22	Ariel Merriweather	F	5'8"	Fr.
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32	Kurlysha Bell	C	5'10"	So.
34	Jakela Johnson	C	6'0"	Fr.



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Warriors

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10	Akeen Toppin	F	6'5"	Fr.
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1/10	vs. East Mississippi
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1/26	@ Copiah-Lincoln
1/30	vs. Pearl River
2/2	@ Gulf Coast
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Several games into the season, both squads continued to seek their first victories, but both men's coach Maurice Bowie and women's coach Billy Smith are hopeful the results will improve as the season progresses.

As of Nov. 18, both squads were 0-7 with games against Gulf Coast, Jones and Itawamba slated for this week from Dec. 1 to Dec. 6.

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coach Bowie is hoping such success continues in 2011-12.

The East Central men finished fourth in the MACJC South Division with a 13-10 record and advanced to state and regional tournaments only to be turned back by eventual Region 23 Tournament champion East Mississippi Community College in first-round action of both events.

With the success of last year still fresh in his mind, Bowie said he is

"especially excited" to get the new season started.

"We are coming off our first winning season and you like to keep that taste in your mouth," said Bowie. "We are young and must learn from every game and every practice, and continue to get better day to day and week to week."

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ful," Smith said.

The freshman class "should be a good one" and is led by redshirt Kelcia Bufkin of Forest, a 5-3 guard and product of Scott Central High School.

"Kelcia will be counted on heavily," commented Smith, "as will Ashlee Hardy, who will add some muscle for us inside." Hardy is a 5-10 forward from Newton High School.

Other members of the talent-laden freshman group include centers Ellen Black (6') of Forest, a product of Scott Central High School, and Jakela Johnson (6') of Laurel, who hails from West Jones High School; guards Allie Kirby (5-7) of Carthage, a product of Edinburg High School; Jaianah



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Matthew (5-7) of Arkansas High School in Texarkana, Ark., and Xandra Dowd (5-8) of Neville High School in Monroe, La.; and forwards Ariel Merriweather (5-8) of Tuscaloosa Central (Ala.) High School, Reneisha Evans (5-9) of Decatur and Newton County HS.

Britta Stephens returns for her second year as assistant coach. She is also a member of the English faculty.

Student assistants are Pasha Williams, Ashley Lyle and Shaki McLaurin, all of Forest; and Blake Gordon of Philadelphia.

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East Central CC basketball squads swept by Gulf Coast

The "second season" began with East Central Community College's basketball squads falling to visiting Mississippi Gulf Coast Thursday night in the MACJC South Division opener for both schools.

The Lady Warriors were edged 73-70 and the Warriors were outscored 99-60. Both teams remain winless after eight games.

Ja'Monica Orton was top scorer for EC, as the sophomore guard collected 22 points and grabbed eight rebounds. Orton is a former standout at Walter E. Stebbins High School in

Dayton, Ohio.

Other Lady Warrior scorers included Kelcia Bufkin of Scott Central, 13; Kurlysha Bell of Kosciusko, 12; Jaianah Matthew of Arkansas High School in Texarkana, 11; Jakela Johnson of West Jones, six; Inessa Adams of Horn Lake, four; and Renisha Evans of Newton County, two.

Presley Owens poured in 18 points to lead the Lady Bulldogs who improved to 5-4 on the young campaign.

There were seven lead changes in the division battle, and EC's largest lead was at 21-

19. The contest was tied 12 times.

Gulf Coast held a 33-29 advantage at halftime.

In the men's contest, Gulf Coast dominated throughout the matchup and led 50-21 at the break.

Cordarion Nichols was EC's top scorer with 19 points. Nichols, a freshman guard, is a product of Newton High School.

Other EC point makers were Jimmie Broomfield of Scott Central and Hakeem Wesley of Newton County, 12 each; Bobby Wrench of Columbus, six; Steven Fuller of Kemper County, four; LaVadius Lyles of Forest, three; and TJ Leatherwood of Northridge (Ala.) High School and Glenn Thomas of Loyd Star, two each.

Ice Asortse pumped in 19 points to lead the Bulldogs, who improved to 8-2.

ECCC squads travel to Jones County Junior College Monday night. Game times are 6 and 8 p.m. on the Ellisville campus.

The Lady Warriors and Warriors close out 2011 competition by hosting Itawamba Community College Thursday, Dec. 8. The women's game begins at 6 p.m. followed by the men's contest at 8 p.m. in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building.

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ECCC Warriors, Lady Warriors fall

Quintin Lee's driving layup in the game's final seconds provided Itawamba Community College with a stunning 68-66 come-from-behind victory over East Central Community Thursday night in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building on the Decatur campus.

Lee's heroics followed two clutch free throws by Warrior Cordarion Nichols, who tied the non-division contest at 66-66 with 6.2 seconds remaining.

With the loss, EC dropped to 0-10 under head coach Maurice Bowie, while Marty Cooper's Indians improved to 4-6. Cooper previously led the Warrior program. The Indians earlier defeated EC by a 90-76 margin on the Fulton campus.

Nichols, a freshman guard from Newton, led the Warriors with 20 points.

Other scores were Jimmie Broomfield of Scott Central, 18; Hakeem Wesley of Newton County, nine; Steven Fuller of Kemper County, seven; Thomas Straughter of Jackson Callaway, four; LaVadius Lyles of Forest and Bobby Wrench of Columbus, three each; and Glenn Thomas of Loyd Star, two.

Deontaye Ewing poured in 17 points to lead Itawamba.

EC, which jumped out to an early 31-22 lead, held a 38-35 advantage at halftime.

In the women's contest, the Lady Indians led throughout the non-division matchup and posted a 76-66 decision.

Jaianah Matthew tallied 16 points to lead EC, which fell to 0-10 under head coach Bill Smith. Matthew, a freshman guard, is a product of Arkansas High School in Texarkana.

Other point makers included Inessa Adams of Horn Lake and Ja'Monica Orton, a product of Walter E. Stebbins High School in Dayton, Ohio, 13 each; Kelcia Bufkin of Scott Central, eight; Kurlysha Bell of Kosciusko and Jakela Johnson of West Jones, six each; and Ashlee Hardy of Newton, four.

Jameilka Hoskins had 20 points to lead the Lady Indians, who improved to 8-2.

EC trailed 37-32 at halftime.

ICC posted a 99-63 victory over the Lady Warriors in early season action on the Fulton campus.

ECCC squads return to action Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2012, against East Mississippi Community College in non-division matchups. Game times are 6 and 8 p.m. in Brackeen-Wood.

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Despite several near misses, the Lady Warriors entered the midway break with an 0-10 overall record and an 0-2 MACJC South Division mark.

"We've worked at it, we just can't get over the hump," said EC coach Bill Smith of that elusive first win. "We lost several close ones here late in the ballgames that we had a chance to win, but we just didn't get the job done."

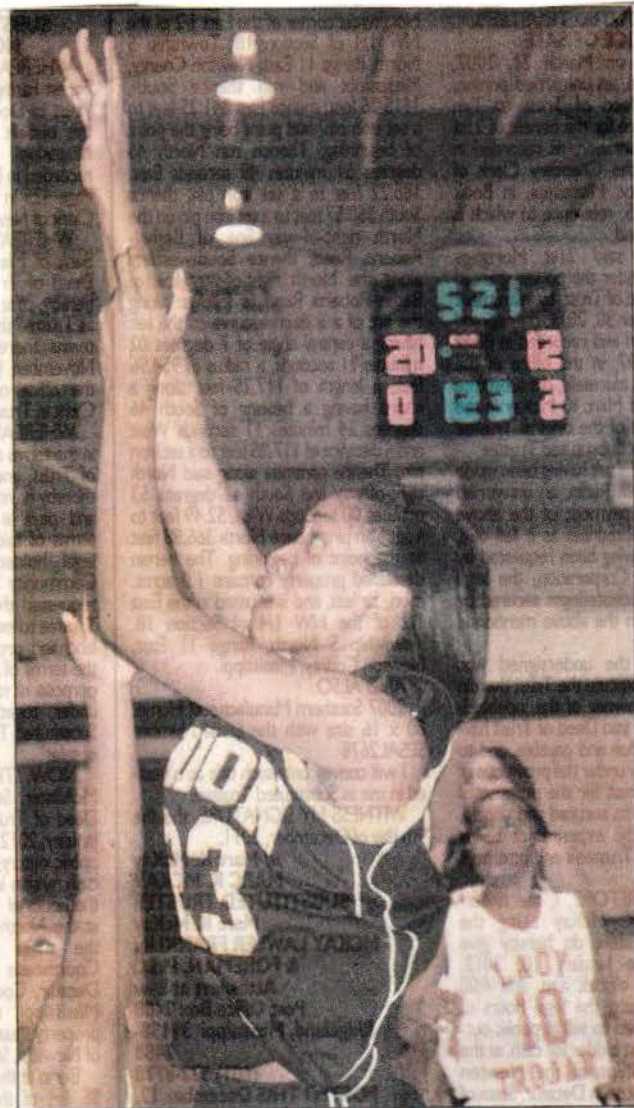
"We've just got to go back to work and get them better."

"We're trying hard to win, we just haven't handled the ball late in the games and that's cost us."

Also in the MACJC South Division are Copiah-Lincoln, Hinds, Jones, Gulf Coast, Pearl River, and Southwest Mississippi.

Union's Kia Rogers takes a shot on the baseline in an early-season contest with Northeast Lauderdale.

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East Central CC scholarships established in memory, honor of Rush Hospital officials

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Scholarships honoring the late Rush Hospital Administrator Dan Harrison and current Rush Health System President/CEO Wallace Strickland were recently established by the Newton Community Health Foundation and Rush Health Systems for qualified students attending East Central Community College in Decatur.

The Dan Harrison Rush Health Systems Endowed Scholarship honors the Scott County native and ECCC alumnus "for his dedicated service to the delivery of quality healthcare."

Harrison served 25 years in several positions with Rush Health Systems until his untimely death in 2006. His career in healthcare ranged from staff registered nurse to executive vice president of Rush Health Systems.

Harrison was also involved in various community endeavors, including the State Games of Mississippi, where he served on the Board of Directors.

He was a member of the American College of Healthcare Executives and served as Chairman of the Mississippi Hospital Association Board of Directors as well as a Board member for six

years. In addition, he served on the American Hospital Association Board and was Chairman of the Regional Policy Board, which represented a six-state area in the southeastern region. He was also a Board member for the American Heart Association.

A graduate of Scott Central High School, Harrison received an Associate Degree in Science from ECCC, an Associate Degree in Nursing from Meridian Community College, a Bachelor of Business Administration from the University of Mississippi and a Masters of Business Administration from Mississippi College.

He was married to the former Frankie Usry of Forest. They had three sons, Daniel, Denver and Davis.

The Harrison scholarship provides two annual awards of \$500 each to assist deserving district students who are pursuing a degree in healthcare education at ECCC.



Dan Harrison

The Wallace Strickland Rush Health Systems Endowed Scholarship was established "in honor and recognition" of the longtime hospital administrator and ECCC alumnus who began his employment with Rush in 1970. His positions of leadership include Coordinator of Special Projects, Data Processing Manager, Assistant Administrator, Administrator and Vice President of Operations/Rush Health Systems, Inc., Executive Vice President/Chief Operating Officer of both Rush Foundation and Rush Health Systems, and President/CEO of Rush Health Systems.

The Strickland scholarship provides two annual awards of \$500 each to deserving district students who are pursuing degrees in healthcare education at ECCC.

Recipients of the Harrison and Strickland scholarships will be selected by the ECCC Scholarship Committee.

The East Central Community College district includes Leake, Neshoba, Newton, Scott and Winston counties.

For more information, call 601-635-2111 or call toll free, 877-462-3222, ext. 375.

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ship roles were recently approved for several staff members at East Central Community College.

David Case will continue as director of Information Technology but will assume a more direct role in the planning and research function of the college. Case will have direct responsibility for the strategic planning process of the college and implement the transformation of data into information for more effective planning in the instructional and support functions of ECCC.

Case joined the ECCC staff in 1995 and holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Mississippi and a master's degree from Millsaps College. He is currently pursuing a doctoral degree.

Roger Whitlock, who previously served as dean of Workforce Development, is now dean of Workforce Education and Development. In his new role, Whitlock is responsible for all workforce-related activities, including tech prep communication and coordination with secondary career/technical programs in the five-county district, adult basic education and GED activities for both the general public and in the area's businesses and industries, credit instruction in post-secondary career/technical instruction,

non-credit workforce training activities and small business development.

• DECATUR – East Central Community College faculty members **Lisa O'Neill** of Meridian, and **Kim Hardy** and **Martie Vaughn**, both of Philadelphia, were recognized for excellence at the 2010 Lamplighter Conference held recently at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College in Perkinston. The annual conference recognizes the state's outstanding community and junior college instructors.

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Blackburn, Lucas selected ECCC Job Training Technical Specialists

Jim Blackburn of Decatur and Jeffrey Lucas of Weir were recently selected Community Based Job Training (CBJT)



Jim Blackburn

Technology Specialists at East Central Community College, announced Dr. Phil A. Sutphin, ECCC president.

The new positions are funded by a Community Based Job Training Grant.

Blackburn, who began his new duties on Nov. 10, 2010, previously served as electronic technology instructor at ECCC, a position he held since 1993.

Prior to joining the ECCC staff, Blackburn was employed by Soule Steam Feed Works in Meridian and Retail Business Systems in Jackson.

A graduate of Newton High School, Blackburn received an associate's degree in electronic technology at ECCC in 1987 and attended Mississippi State University.

He is married to the former Regina Munn and has two children, Amanda and Rebecca.

Lucas, who began his employment on Dec. 1, 2010,



Jeffrey Lucas

previously served as senior technology support analyst at PAC-CAR Engine Company in Columbus. He has held similar computer technician positions at Mississippi State University in Starkville and Premier Election Solutions in Jackson. He is also a former computer teacher at Central Academy in Macon.

A graduate of Weir High School, Lucas is a magna cum laude graduate of Mississippi State University, where he received a bachelor's degree in general business with concentration in information systems.

He is married to Bethany Lucas, who earlier this year began her new duties as business and computer technology instructor at the Philadelphia/Neshoba County Career-Technical Center, a division of ECCC.

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ECCC names 2011 HEADWAE honorees

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Biology instructor Curt Skipper of Decatur and sophomore Anna Alexander of Little Rock will represent East Central Community College at the 2011 HEADWAE Program scheduled Feb. 3 in Jackson.

The annual HEADWAE (Higher Education Appreciation Day: Working Toward Academic Excellence) observance is sponsored by the Mississippi Legislature, coordinated by the Mississippi Association of Colleges and Universities and sponsored by the corporate community.

Mississippi's Lieutenant Governor serves as chairman of HEADWAE, which recognizes outstanding faculty members and students from each participating member institution of the Mississippi Association of Colleges and Universities.

"Our goal is to ensure a wonderful, exciting day of events for faculty and student honorees and their guests," said Lieutenant Governor Phil Bryant.

Skipper joined the ECCC faculty in August 2006 after previously serving as a graduate assistant in the biology department at the University of West Alabama.

He is also a former student teacher in chemistry and physics at Noxubee County High School.

In addition to his teaching duties, Skipper serves as an advisor for Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for two-year colleges, and is a sponsor of the college's Environmental Club.

Skipper, who has served as Science Division Chair in 2009, was selected a "Lamplighter" in 2008, an annual recognition of the state's outstanding community and junior college instructors. He is also a member of the first graduation class of the Mississippi Community College Leadership Academy, recognized in 2010.

A graduate of Central Academy in Macon, Skipper holds two associate

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degrees from East Mississippi Community College in Scooba and received a bachelor's degree in secondary education from Mississippi State University in Starkville and a master's degree from the University of West Alabama in Livingston.

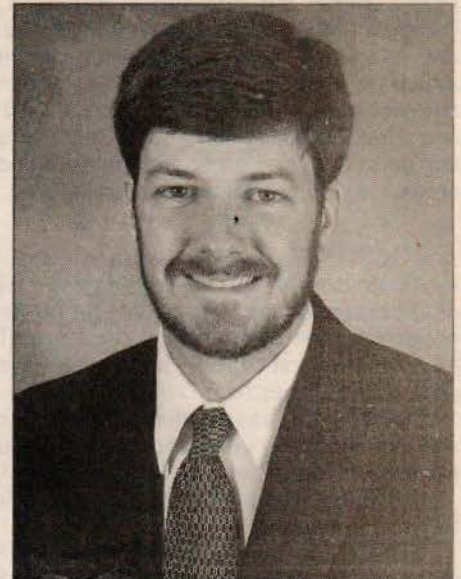
Skipper is married to the former Felecia George of Damascus and they have an infant son, Noah Robert Skipper.

Alexander, a communications major and President's List Scholar, is a home-schooled student.

She holds several leadership positions on the EC campus, including president of Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for two-year colleges; president of the Presidents' Council; and vice president of the student body association.

She also serves on the Baptist Student Union Council and is a member of "The Way" Drama Team.

In addition, Alexander is a member of the Lady Warrior Tennis Team, Warrior Corps, The Tom-Tom newspaper staff, Environmental Club, Concert Choir and Wesley Foundation.



She was selected 2010 Homecoming Maid of Honor, a freshman class favorite and served as freshman class secretary. She was also a member of The Wo-He-Lo yearbook staff her freshman year.

Alexander also won various honors her freshmen year including first-place awards in public speaking and parliamentary procedure in the statewide Phi Beta Lambda competition and finished sixth and fourth, respectively, in the national contest.

Other honors received include an ECCC Presidential Scholarship, ACT Scholarship, Clayton Blount Scholarship, Sam Walton Community Scholarship, PEO Star Scholarship, Margaret Mosal PTK Scholarship, Concert Choir Scholarship and several 4-H scholarship awards.

Alexander is the daughter of George and Cindy Alexander of Little Rock.

In addition to statewide recognition, a booklet will be published featuring photographs and biographical sketches of each honoree representing Mississippi's public and private colleges and universities.

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EC gold room named for longtime staffer

The Gold Room in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria on East Central Community College's campus in Decatur has a new name: it's now known as the Molly McGee Gold Room, in honor of the longtime cafeteria staff member.

they enter the cafeteria.

"As an EC alumna and a lifetime member of the Alumni Association, she continues to contribute her financial support to the College through various fundraising activities, and as always, her contributions to the College are

given from the heart. If money is needed to support an athletic team's trip to a national tournament or to support a special fundraising project on campus, Ms. Molly is always one of the very first individuals to give to the cause."

Dr. Hollingsworth said the College and Valley Services, Inc., which operates the cafeteria, announced plans to make various renovations to the Molly McGee Gold Room. A fundraising drive is also planned to assist in the project.



"Ms. Molly has served the College for 34 years and remains a loyal and beloved member of the EC family," said Dr. Stacey Hollingsworth, executive director for foundation and alumni relations. "She has greeted countless numbers of students, faculty, staff and visitors as

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Crenshaw scholarship established

A scholarship honoring Frances Brown Crenshaw (third from left in front) of Newton for her more than 43 years of nursing service was recently endowed at East Central Community College in Decatur. Crenshaw began her nursing career in 1957 at Newton Hospital, where she served until 1961. She later joined her husband, Dr. Charles N. Crenshaw, Jr., in opening a general practice clinic in Morton in 1963.

The couple relocated to Newton in 1977 where they served residents of the Newton community for 23 years. Mrs.



Crenshaw remains an active member of the Newton community. At Newton United Methodist Church, she serves as a Sunday school teacher, member of Faith Circle and Ultreya. She also organizes community blood drives for NUMC and volunteers with the Wesley Foundation at ECCC. A native of Meridian, Crenshaw is a 1949 graduate of Enterprise High School.

She completed the Rush Memorial Hospital School of Nursing in 1952 and married Charles N. Crenshaw the same year. Applicants for the Frances Brown Crenshaw Nursing Scholarship must be a pre-bachelor of science in nursing or associate degree nursing major; reside in Newton County; and have a 3.0 grade point average during freshman year at ECCC. The scholarship will be awarded to ECCC students for their sophomore year.

The amount of the scholarship award will be based on earnings from the endowment corpus. Scholarship recipients will be selected by the ECCC Scholarship Committee. For more information, contact ECCC Student Services, 601-635-2375 or call toll free, 877-462-3222, ext. 375. The e-mail address is rlee@eccc.edu.

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ECCC Alumnus Childress to hold book signing

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DECATUR — Cartoonist and author Andy Childress of Louisville will visit his alma mater, East Central Community College, for a book signing scheduled Tuesday on campus. Childress, who attended

ECCC from 1987-89, will be available to sign copies of his eight self-published books from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. in the Gordon Room of Mabry Memorial Cafeteria.

His work includes collections of his multiple comic strip titles from his "BUBBAWORLD

COMIX site," in addition to humorous spins on Halloween and work he described as "Horror Graphic Novel Anthologies." Fellow ECCC alumnus Shane Sullivan of Louisville also contributed stories for the publication.

Childress' books vary in

price from \$15 to \$20 in print form. The publications can also be downloaded for \$5 each from his Web site. CD's of his work will also be available for \$5 each at the book signing.

Childress' work can be viewed on his Web site, bubba-worldcomix.com

For more information on the book signing, contact Dr. Stacey Hollingsworth, executive director for foundation and alumni relations at ECCC, (601) 635-6237 or call toll free, (877) 462-3222, ext. 327. The e-mail address is sholling@eccc.edu

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1/20/11 ECCC Gold Room named for longtime staff member

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The name change was officially approved at the Dec. 14, 2010, meeting of the ECCC Board of Trustees, which unanimously endorsed the measure as proposed by the

college's Committee to Study and Recommend Names for Campus Buildings and Facilities.

Dr. Stacey Hollingsworth, executive director for foundation and alumni relations, is credited with making the recommendation to the ECCC Board.

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Hollingsworth said the Col-

lege and Valley Services Inc., which operates the cafeteria, announced plans to make various renovations to the Molly McGee Gold Room. A fundraising drive is also planned to assist in the project.

She said Valley is hosting a reception honoring "Ms. Molly" after the first of the year and will be announced at a later date.

For more information, contact Hollingsworth, (601) 635-6327 or call toll free, 877-462-3222, ext. 327. The e-mail address is sholling@eccc.edu.



Molly McGee

ECCC's Black History Month Program Scheduled Feb. 23

East Central Community College will hold its annual Black History Month Program Wednesday, Feb. 23, 2011, on the Decatur campus.

Activities begin at 7 p.m. in the Vickers Fine Arts Center auditorium.

Clinton Robinson, a retired school teacher/educator and member of Pleasant Grove Church, will serve as guest speaker.

The ECCC Gospel Choir will provide special music.

The public is invited to attend.

For more information, contact Brenda K. Johnson, ECCC Gospel Choir sponsor, 601-683-6383.

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East Central hosts 9th annual jobs fair

Career and educational opportunities will be available for East Central Community College students and area job-seekers when the college hosts its ninth annual Business, Education and Healthcare Expo Thursday, March 10, 2011, in Decatur.

The public is invited to attend the free event, scheduled from 9 to 11 a.m. in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building.

"We always look forward to hosting the expo and are most appreciative of the many vendors who participate each year," said Wayne Eason, Expo committee chairman.

"We are also pleased that an increasing number of our students are provided opportunities for employment each year as a result of the Expo."

Vendors scheduled to participate in the one-day event include Avon; Baptist Health Systems, Central Mississippi Residential Center, Community Bank,

East Central Mississippi Health Care, ESCO Corporation, Golden Living Center, Internal Revenue Service, Jackson State University, Meridian Radio Group,

Mississippi Care Center of Morton, Mississippi College, Mississippi Or-

gan Recovery Agency, Mississippi State University, Mississippi University for Women, New Customer Services Companies,

Rush Health System, Scott Regional Hospital, St. Dominic Hospital, University of Mississippi, University of Mississippi Medical Center, University of West Alabama, University of Southern Mississippi, and Working Solutions.

For more information, telephone Eason at 601-635-2111 or, toll free, 1-877-462-3222, ext. 211, or e-mail weason@eccc.edu.

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New video conferencing system

East Central Community College showcased its video conferencing system last Wednesday at the Neshoba Business Enterprise Center. The system will allow virtual connections with 11 sites including ECCC, the Enterprise Center, the Integrated Technologies Training Center at Choctaw and the Philadelphia-Neshoba County Career Technical Center. The system will be used to provide customized training to meet technical, professional and personal needs of area residents. It was funded by a \$1.8 million grant through the Department of Labor.

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ECCC selects Muse for MCC Sports Hall of Fame

He was known as the "Sebastopol Flash" in high school, and parlayed his basketball talents from school reports

at SHS into successful careers at then East Central Junior College in Decatur and Delta State University in Cleveland.

He also experienced a successful coaching career on the hardwood.

Dr. Clyde Muse, currently serving his 33rd

year as president of Hinds Community College in Raymond, is being recognized for his athletic accomplishments with his selection to the Mississippi Community College Sports Hall of Fame.

The induction ceremony is scheduled at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 26, at the Hilton Jackson on County Line Road. A reception at 6:15 p.m. begins the annual program.

Dr. Muse, who was cho-

sen for the honor by the ECCC Alumni Association Officers and Board of Directors, said he was "pleased and very honored" that ECCC had selected him as its newest inductee into the Mississippi Community College Sports Hall of Fame.

The longtime Hinds Community College leader said he has "many fond memories" of his two years as a student-athlete on the EC campus.

"I have a great fondness for the days I spent at East Central, particularly the great coaches and teachers that I was privileged to have as a student," said Dr. Muse.

The opportunity given to me by Coach Vincent to play basketball at East Central was one for which

I will forever be grateful."

He continued, "East Central certainly gets part of the credit for the achievements in my lifetime. Had it not been for ECCC, I would not have traveled the path that led to a satisfying and rewarding career in education."

Dr. Muse was a three-year letterman at Sebastopol and helped lead the Bobcats to several championships, including the Scott County Tournament title in 1946. He received Most Valuable Player honors and was chosen team

captain his senior season.

At EC, Muse often led the Warriors in scoring and accounted for 23 of East Central's 57 points in a three-point win over arch-rival East Mississippi near the end of the 1947-48 season. In recognition of his success, Muse — who served as team captain — was named Most Valuable Player his sophomore campaign.

He was also a member of the 1948 EC track team, specializing in the mile run.

After his EC career, Muse accepted a scholarship offer to Southwestern Louisiana, but later decided to enroll at Delta State, where he was a member of the 1950-51 and 1951-52 basketball squads and served as captain his senior season.

He helped lead the Statesmen to the NAIA regional title and a berth in the national tournament.

Muse's coaching stops include Canton and Starkville. While at Starkville, Muse is credited with inventing the game of T-Ball.



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From humble beginnings to services unending: ECCC

East Central Community College in Decatur was established in 1928 as an extension of the Newton County Agricultural High School offering basic college courses to a class of 18 freshmen. During the early years of the College, most students were from the Newton County area or were resident students living in dormitories on campus.

Today the college offers more than 20 Associate Degree programs in career, technical and health-related fields and numerous academic courses of study to more than 2,900 area students who are preparing for immediate careers or university transfer. Many thousands of patrons from throughout the current five-county district-Leake, Scott, Neshoba, Newton and Winston counties- are also served through the College's Workforce Development Center and Office of Adult and Continuing Education.

To round out a student's college experience, East Central also sponsors 10 intercollegiate athletic teams, various intramural activities, and more than 30 student organizations and clubs for varied interests!

Randall Lee, Vice President for Student Services, said, "ECCC is a quality academic transfer institution that attracts students from throughout the state to its unique programs. Students can attend our college and get their full complement of courses for such majors as engi-

neering, pre-med, etc. As with most of our sister community colleges, we fully serve our five-county district. An unusually high percentage of students from our in-district schools attending East Central is proof that we serve them well."

To make room for the ever-increasing student population, the college has begun construction on the Davis Science Building, located adjacent to Founders' Gymnasium and Cross Hall Science Building. Named after long-time science instructor the late Ron Davis of Decatur, the building will include state-of-the-art laboratory facilities. Future plans also include the renovation of Cross Hall to obtain additional science classroom areas.

Another way East Central is keeping up with the needs of its students is in the areas of technology and eLearning. Gone are the days of students having to balance their class schedule with their work schedule. Now students have the option to take many classes completely online from the comfort of home. During the past five years the increase in the number of East Central students taking online classes has increased 174 percent, according to Dr. Chris Jenkins, ECCC Dean of eLearning.

Dr. Jenkins said, "This allows students to do the work for the class at the time they are available making work schedules easier to have and families easier to

manage."

Students in all classes, not just online, are able to use the Blackboard Learning Management System, which was introduced in 2007.

"Using the system, instructors are able to convey information via Blackboard, which makes it accessible 24 hours a-day. Blackboard also allows for improved communication between the instructor and student, as well as, student to student communication," Jenkins added.

Because East Central understands the growing need to continually advance their online program for students' convenience, the College is planning a major expansion in the technology area this year.

"East Central Community College is going live in April, 2011, with a major rollout of a new Student Information System that will allow students to employ social web-networking technology to interface with instructors, college administrative offices, campus organizations, and more," said David Case, Assistant to the President for Planning, Institutional Research and Technology and Director for Technology Management. "This system will make registering for classes online and receiving up to the minute college information much simpler and more personalized for individual student needs."

The College also is planning on significant wireless networking enhancements during the summer break of

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East Central Community College in Decatur continues to attract numerous students from Winston County, some of whom gathered for this photo on a recent spring day. Pictured are (first row, from left) Michael Stokes, Jacob Johnson and Lane Evans, all products of Nanih Waiya High School; (second row, from left) Austin Swart, Nanih Waiya; Krystal Haynes, Noxapater; Madison Nowell and Brittany Burton, both of Winston Academy; Stewart Frey, Nanih Waiya; Jocelyn Coleman, Louisville; and Grant Fulton, Winston Academy; and (third row, from left) Jasmine Coleman, Louisville; Channing Bucklew, Winston Academy; Demetria Coleman, Louisville; Alyse Webb, Noxapater; Bailey Hartness, Winston Academy; Emily Hawthorn, Louisville; Ashley Arthur and Kayely Kinard, both of Winston Academy; Jon Cherry, Nanih Waiya; and Dexter Holmes, Louisville. For more information about ECCC, contact Student Services, 601-635-6204 or call toll free, 1-877-462-3222, ext 204. (EC Photo)

2011 and thanks to a major federal grant, videoconferencing technology will allow electronic, real-time instruction to expand across the district.

East Central has also improved upon the way it reaches out to a diversified community of consumers in business and industry through the services of the Workforce Development Center.

Roger Whitlock, Dean of Workforce Development and Education said, "East Central has heightened efforts to improve and increase access to much-demanded services by acquiring instructional resources, opening training centers, and placing equipment and staff at sites more convenient to the various citizens who, now more than ever, look to their college to serve the development needs of their community and economy."

He added, "This has recently been accomplished through regional partnerships which break traditional barriers by unifying competitive entities to collectively seek various funds, typically federal grants,

for outreaching educational services that uplift the capacity of people within communities." One example is the West Alabama-East Mississippi WIRED Grant, a \$15 million project which partnered ECCC and three other Mississippi community colleges with four Alabama colleges to upgrade the skills of workers throughout an entire region.

Whitlock said, "This outreach effort continues as ECCC implements a live interactive-video conferencing instructional format that can reach across traditional boundaries and throughout the state. This endeavor was made possible by a \$1.8 million Community Based Job Training Grant."

In addition to the education and workforce development efforts, the East Central Community College administration, faculty, staff and students have found time to give personally to the district communities through various service projects.

Each year the College's Career-Technical Division collects Toys for

Tots during the Christmas season. Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa hosted the most recent canned food drive, collecting items for Love's Kitchen, while Theta Chi chapter of Phi Beta Lambda, an organization for business students, each year supports the March of Dimes and Care Lodge in fundraising efforts. In addition to supporting the causes of the various clubs and organizations on campus, the entire ECCC family gives of themselves numerous times each year by hosting United Blood Services blood drives.

As evidenced by the broad range of services offered, East Central Community College takes its role as "community" college very seriously.

College President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin summed it up best when he said, "East Central has a long history of providing education and training opportunities in East Mississippi. The College has grown substantially since its founding and we are continually planning for the future needs of our community."



Attends etiquette workshop

These East Central Community College career-technical instructors and students attended an Etiquette Workshop held recently at Mississippi State University-Meridian. The workshop included a Dress for Success Demonstration and provided information on Networking Skills and Dinner Etiquette. Seated, from left, are business technology instructors Christy Ferguson and Judith Hurtt, and sophomore business technology students; standing, are Tina Pittman of Forest, Belinda Alexander of Philadelphia, Barbara Rigdon of Little Rock and Mia Claiborne of Newton.

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Bounds joins ECCC Board

Rodney Bounds, center, of Newton was recently welcomed as a new member of the East Central Community College Board of Trustees. He is shown with Board Chairman Prentice Copeland, left, of Philadelphia and ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin following the April 12 meeting on the Decatur campus. Bounds is a retired Newton County official, having served 28 years as circuit clerk. He is also a former coach and led teams in Purvis, Beulah Hubbard and Newton prior to entering politics. He coached junior high football and baseball at Purvis for one year and led high school football teams at Beulah Hubbard for seven years and Newton for two years. He won several conference titles at Beulah Hubbard. A graduate of Newton High School, Bounds attended ECCC and was a member of the Warrior football team. He continued his education at the University of Southern Mississippi, where he received a bachelor's degree in physical education. He is married to the former Betty Castles of Lake. They have a son, Kevin; a daughter, Kelly; and five grandchildren.

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ECCC Chosen Top 120 Community College in Nation; Competing for \$1 million Aspen Prize

DECATUR - East Central Community College has been named to a list of national two-year colleges under consideration for the \$1 million Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence.

The prize-winning college will be chosen in December.

Officials at ECCC were notified of the college's selection just days before the official announcement on April 25 in Washington, D.C., said ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin.

"East Central is honored by this recognition," he said. "To be selected as one of 120 community colleges out of almost 1,200 to compete for the Community College Excellence Award based on publicly available performance measures is tremendous. The notification acknowledges the quality of the instructors and students that we have at the College."

Each of the 120 colleges ranked has demonstrated high standards for learning, college completion without delay, and community colleges as training grounds for jobs that pay competitive wages, making them eligible for the prize, according to a press release from the Aspen Institute.

The 120 community colleges announced were selected from a national pool of nearly 1,200 using publicly available data on student outcomes. The data was analyzed by an expert advisory committee. The data focuses on completion, considered from three perspectives, each weighed equally:

- Performance (retention, graduation rates including transfers, and degrees and certificates per 100 "full time equivalent" students)

- Improvement (improvement of completion performance over time)

- Equity (institutional record for completion outcomes for disadvantaged students)

The 120 community colleges named are eligible to submit applications containing detailed data on degree/certificate completion (including progress and transfer rates), labor market outcomes (employment and earnings) and student learning outcomes. They must demonstrate that they deliver exceptional student results, use data to drive decisions, and continually improve over time.

The Aspen Institute's mission is to foster values-based leadership, encouraging individuals to reflect on the ideals and ideas that define a good society, and to provide a neutral and balanced venue for discussing and acting on critical issues, according to its Web site. The institute is based in Washington, D.C., Aspen, Colo., and Maryland's Eastern Shore.

A Finalist Selection Committee of former community college presidents and faculty, along with researchers and policy experts, will review extensive data reports submitted by each participating community college to select eight to 10 finalists. The final group will be named in September, and site visits will be made to each college.

The Aspen Prize will honor excellence, shine a spotlight on community colleges that deliver exceptional results in student completion rates and workforce success, stimulate innovation and define success, according to the institute's Web site.

Crediting the faculty and staff of ECCC for this recognition, Sutphin said, should ECCC win, the prize money would directly benefit the faculty and staff.

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Job Fair Being Held at ECCC Training Center in Louisville

Taylor Machine Works is recruiting new employees for their Louisville and Philadelphia sites through a job fair that is being held at the East Central Community College Career Advancement Center located in the old Spartus facility at 923 South Church Street in Louisville. The job fair is made possible through a collaborative effort and joint partnership between Taylor Machine Works, ECCC Workforce Development Center, the Winston County WIN Job Center, and the Winston and Neshoba County Economic Development Partnerships.

The Job Fair will be held on Thursday, May 19, from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.; Friday, May 20, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.; and Saturday, May 21, from 8:00 a.m. to Noon.

Anyone with training/education and/or work experience (two years preferred) in the following fields, are encouraged to apply: Machinists, Welders, Assembly Level 3, Assembly Level 5, Fabricating Group Operators, and Finished Painters.

To be eligible to participate in the in the job fair, applicants **MUST** bring the following: a resume that includes education and past work history with references and telephone numbers; two (2) proofs of identification, laminated social security cards **WILL NOT** be accepted; however, birth certificates **WILL** be accepted in lieu of laminated social security cards; and certificates of training and/or transcripts if an applicant holds an Associate's Degree. Applicants without resumes and required documentation will not be seen.

For additional information, contact Shelley Thomas, ECCC Louisville Site Coordinator, Phone 662-536-1150; Email, stthomas@ecccc.edu; or go to www.ecccc.edu/workforce for a detailed flyer regarding the Job Fair.

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Students 'best part' of Fox-Smith's career as instructor at East Central

Upon her selection as East Central Community College's

Instructor of the Year, psychology instructor Susan Fox-Smith said, "It is such an honor! As an educator, I am always looking at different ways to help students find their strengths. I look at this honor as my peers seeing me as a strength for my students."

Fox-Smith said successful students have been the highlight of her career as an educator.

"The greatest highlight of my career is having students be successful in their career. I saw one of my former students from ECCC recently and she has her own business and loves what she is doing. She told me 'Thank you.' It always makes me feel like I am successful when I hear those words. It never fails that wherever I travel I always see former students who are successful. That influences me to continue to be an educator," Fox-Smith said.

Her career as an educator began with a love for coaching.

"Coaching is all I have ever really wanted to do and teaching is a part of coaching, although most people do not see it that way. Getting the chance to have an impact on the lives of students is what makes me love teaching," she said.

Central High School where she also served as assistant girls' basketball coach from 1999-2002 and head coach from 2002-2003.

She is also a former head tennis and assistant basketball coach at Mississippi College and taught elementary physical education and coached tennis at Lamar School in Lauderdale County. In addition, she served as an adjunct instructor at ECCC.

Many people have served as influences in Fox-Smith's career, including her parents, Betty Langston and the late Frank Langston, and her high school basketball coach, Dale Williamson.

However, she said her greatest influence in the classroom came from Ovid Vickers during her days as a student at East Central.

"He is, by far, my favorite teacher I ever had. He was tough as a teacher and expected your best, but made the class fun and exciting. I still remember his class, where I sat and a lot of the information I learned. That is the kind of teacher I wanted to be. I had no idea I would one day be teaching at EC and even teaching in the same room that I sat in as a student with Mr. Vickers as my teacher," Fox-Smith said.



Susan Fox-Smith

on all levels for students."

Fox-Smith shared three of her favorite quotes.

"These are three of my favorite sayings and I always try to remember them in teaching and everyday life," she said. "Faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see," "I can do all things through Christ, which strengthens me," and "Attitude reflects leadership."

In addition to her teaching duties, Fox-Smith serves as chairperson of the ECCC Beauty Pageant Committee and is a member of the Mississippi Psy-

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Fox-Smith currently teaches General Psychology and Human Growth and Development classes at East Central. Prior to her position at the College, she served as Career Discover Teacher at Neshoba

Fox-Smith said with the current financial conditions, it's hard not to be discouraged some days but her students make it worthwhile.

"With the economic standing of our state and the lack of money that is essential to teaching, it is hard not to be discouraged at times. We as educators have had to bear the brunt of teaching classes that are overfilled and lacking in technology needs and we are doing it for less pay than most K-12 and university instructors. How can that not be discouraging?"

"But we know that the education we provide students of today is what makes our leaders of tomorrow, so I continue to teach because of my students. That's the best part of my job. It's funny how students are so different but also alike.

"I also like the aspect of using technology in today's classroom. It has greatly enhanced learning

chological Association and Women in Higher Education. She is a member of Bethsaida Baptist Church in Philadelphia. She was selected a Lamplighter in 2006, which recognizes outstanding community and junior college instructors in the State of Mississippi each year.

She is a graduate of Leake Academy and received her associate's degree at East Central Junior College. She completed bachelor's degrees in physical education and elementary education from Mississippi State University and received a Master of Education-Counseling degree from Mississippi College. She has completed additional coursework at Belhaven College and Mississippi University for Women.

She and her husband, Bill, who serves as ECCC head women's basketball coach, have three children: Andy, Chandler and Mackie.

Stokley named ECCC cheerleading sponsor

from combined reports

DECATUR — Patrick Stokley was recently selected cheerleader sponsor at East Central Community College, announced athletic director Chris Harris.

Stokley, who joined the ECCC faculty as biology instructor in the fall of 2009, was an All-American cheerleader at the University of Alabama and successfully led cheerleading squads on the junior high, high school and community college levels.

He led the New Hope Junior High School cheerleading squad to the 2007 national championship and won state titles the same year while leading New Hope High School and Starkville Academy cheer squads. He also claimed state championships while directing squads at Philadelphia High School in 2009 and at Neshoba Central High School and Leake Academy, both



Stokley

in 2010.

His cheerleader coaching experience also includes stints at Cordova (Ala.) High School, Faulkner State Community College in Bay Minette, Ala., and Neshoba Central Middle School.

Stokley has also instructed private camps and clinics for the University of Alabama, University of Kentucky, Mississippi State University, Auburn University, University of North Alabama, University of Southern Mississippi, Faulkner State Community College, Itawamba Community College and the University of West Alabama.

In addition, he served as lead instructor at Cheer ETC in Philadelphia and was a member of cheerleader instructional staffs for the Universal Cheerleading Association (UCA), Cheer Authority in Tuscaloosa and ACE All-Stars in Birmingham. He also served as head of the tumbling department at the Demopolis Children's Art Center.

Stokley, an AACCAA certified cheerleader instructor, also has extensive experience judging cheerleading competition on the high school and college levels.

A graduate of South Choctaw Academy in Toxey, Ala., Stokley continued his education at East Mississippi Community College in Scooba, where he was a President's List scholar and member of Phi Theta Kappa International and the Lions' baseball team. In addition, he served as a sportswriter for the EMCC campus newspaper.

After receiving an Associate of Arts degree at EMCC, Stokley attended the University of Alabama, where he received a bachelor's degree in biology. He also served as varsity cheerleader and was selected one of 14 Collegiate All-Americans by Inside Cheerleading Magazine. He also holds a master's degree in teaching from the University of West Alabama.

— from school reports

Older Americans Month celebrations

Senior bowlers celebrated Older Americans Month at Family Bowl Center Tuesday, May 10. Top place for men was a tie between Sonny Pinon and R. D. Glenn. Joe Hasson came in third, John Grant was fourth and Ricky Nelson finished fifth. Marion

Wilhite topped the lady bowlers, followed by Leona Walker in second place, and Jackie Comber third place. In fourth place was Louise Reed. Mary Perry scored fifth place.

The golf tournament was held at Lakeview Golf Course on Tuesday, May 17. The two top teams each had a score of 60; the winning team was Roy Hayes, Howard Combs, Gerald Early and Jim Williams. Runners-up were Brownie Ford, James Dillard, Marshall McKee and Lamar Thomas. Coming in third place were Robert Barnett, Shorty Vaughn, Billy Joe Jones and Leslie McClinton.

Later that same day the Pool Tournament was held at Meridian Activity Center. The winner in that game was Tommy Coats, with T.C. Vincent coming in second, and Sonny Morgan third.

— from submitted reports

Little shoots age

Dr. Thomas "Bono" Little shot his age recently at Northwood Country Club. While playing with Dr. Charles Ray and Nelson Hall, Little fired a 73.

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ECCC Public Information Staff Honored

Various honors were presented to the East Central Community College Public Information staff at the 2011 College Public Relations Association of Mississippi Conference held May 23-24 at the Eola Hotel in Natchez. Awards included first-place for the EC Express, a campus newsletter published three times annually and sent to juniors and seniors in the College's five-county district, and third-place for The Warrior alumni magazine, which is also published and distributed three times annually. From left are Karen Robertson, administrative assistant to the vice president for public information; Gennie Phillips, publications coordinator; Bubby Johnston, vice president for public information; and Maria McLeod, assistant to the vice president for public information. Robertson also won individual honors in graphic design. Her "Fear the Spear Football Card" captured a first-place award; the "Softball Poster Schedule" placed third; and her "Football Poster Schedule" received honorable mention. Phillips and her publications staff also received numerous honors at the O.C. McDavid Journalism Conference held earlier in the spring semester. McLeod is responsible for the layout and most of the content for the award-winning EC Express and Warrior publications. She also serves as secretary on the CPRAM Board. Johnston also received a third-place award for his news story, "Be All That You Can Be." The CPRAM membership includes public relations staff members representing the state's community and junior colleges, four-year colleges and universities. Competition is held in the respective two-year and four-year college categories. (Photo courtesy Rich Koop, MS Gulf Coast Community College)

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EC instructors of year

These East Central Community College faculty members were honored at the College's annual end-of-the-year luncheon held recently on the Decatur campus. From left are psychology instructor Susan Fox-Smith, who was chosen Academic Instructor of the Year; and electrical technology instructor John Everett, chosen Career-Technical Instructor of the Year.

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Wood completes 58-year career at EC

A 58-year career in education came to a close this spring as East Central Community College instructor Lucille Wood, who also served as chairman of the social science, business and education division, retired following the spring 2011 term. She is recognized as a pioneer in Mississippi community college women's athletics and until her retirement was the longest-tenured faculty member among the Mississippi community college ranks.

She was honored with a reception Sunday in the Vickers Fine Arts Auditorium on the Decatur campus. The public is invited to attend.

Wood's family has been associated with East Central Community College since 1941.

"A member of my family has been a part of the East Central family, as a student or staff member, each year since 1941, except for the three years I was at Co-Lin," Wood said.

She and her sisters, Esther, Earline and Lorene, and her brother, Jim, all attended East Central Community College. She has also had several nieces and nephews matriculate here.

Wood has also been affiliated with six out of the seven presidents who have been at the helm of the College.

"I was a student when Dr. (L.O.) Todd was president and I have worked for Mr. (Arno) Vincent, Dr. (Douglas) Montgomery, Dr. (Charles) Wright, Dr. (Eddie) Smith and Dr. (Phil) Sutphin," Wood said.

After graduating from East Central in 1951, Wood completed her bachelor and master's degrees in health, physical education and recreation from the University of Southern Mississippi.

She served three years as an activity and recreation instructor at Copiah-Lincoln Community College in Wesson, before being hired by then-East Central Community College president Arno Vincent. She said she came back to her alma mater for the opportunity to teach.

"I came to East Central to go into the classroom and teach,"

Wood stated. "I already felt the greatest contribution could be made in the classroom. I was not only able to teach activity classes, but I was able to teach courses in health, introduction to physical education and sports, recreation and first aid. I enjoyed my activity classes, but the classroom was my home."

During the early years of Wood's career, physical education courses were a requirement for all students and her classes included all kinds of individual and team sports.

"Freshman students took part in team sports and sophomores participated in individual and dual player activities including badminton, tennis, archery, shuffleboard, bait-casting, tumbling, rope jumping, dance and swimming," Wood said.

"Mr. Vincent provided all my needs to have a successful and structured physical education program," she added.

She has been honored for her classroom teaching on various occasions, having been selected Outstanding Academic Instructor by the ECCC Alumni Association, HEADWAE (Higher Education Appreciation Day: Working Toward Academic Excellence) Instructor of the Year, an honored conferred by the Mississippi Legislature, and a Lamplighter honoree, which each year recognizes outstanding community college educators.

Throughout her five decades at East Central, Wood has also served as cheerleader sponsor, director of intramurals, organized and supervised a college-wide talent show, supervised the May Day programs and initiated half-time programs at basketball games, where her physical education classes demonstrated their class activities such as ribbon dancing, tinecling (rhythmic jumping between poles) and jump rope exercises.

Wood was also instrumental in organizing the first Alumni Memorial Awards, which were the beginning of the current Awards Day program held each spring to recognize outstanding

lege. We are already in need of more space and hope to be able to enlarge the area very soon."

She has helped raise funds and/or donated funds for trophy cases to house Athletic Hall of Fame inductee plaques, photos and frames for All-State athletes, flags for Burton Library and banners for her women's basketball championship teams. Wood most recently purchased a school flag, which will fly at Burton Library.

She was instrumental in the collection of athletic memorabilia that is housed in the trophy cases and on the walls in the College gym, having researched information on former All-State and All-American players from the years 1928 to 1974. Wood, with the assistance of former librarian Ann Burkes and her husband, the late Roger Burkes, collected information and photographs on past players and championship teams.

Wood has also been called on to speak at various programs throughout her tenure at ECCC, including the College's 75th anniversary in 2003. She was also a featured speaker at the dedication of Burton Library and the Walter Arno Vincent Administration Building.

She was a 2003 Mississippi Women's Conference Power of One honoree and in 2004 was selected as an "Ageless Hero" state award winner in the Love of Learning category by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Mississippi. She is also the recipient of the Delta Kappa Gamma Red Rose award and is an honorary member of Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for the two-year college.

But, perhaps Lucille Wood is best recognized for her accomplishments in and contributions to women's athletics in Mississippi's junior colleges.

After playing basketball at Louisville High School and ECJC, Wood volunteered to coach women's basketball during her years at Co-Lin, but the job was given to someone else.

"I wanted to coach or help with the team, but was told by the administration that a 'woman'

through the 1974-75 season, capturing state titles in 1970 and 1973. Following the MJCAA's recognition of women's basketball as an official sport in 1975-76, Wood's teams won state titles in 1976 and 1979.

"Our 1973 championship was won with a basketball borrowed from Neshoba Central High School. We didn't have an official basketball for women at that time," Wood stated.

During this period, Wood also helped bring about the Title IX ruling, which provides equal opportunities for women. Through her efforts, the foundation for women's basketball was laid in 1975, and a number of scholarships were awarded to female athletes.

That same year, she was elected the first president of the Women's Basketball Association of Mississippi. She was also among the first coaches selected to lead a Mississippi junior college All-Star team. She was honored as Mississippi Association of Coaches 1978-79 "Coach of the Year" and was also recognized that same year in the Top 20 list of National Junior College "Coaches of the Year."

"My theme has always been to 'be the coach I never had,'" Wood said. "We didn't have a team at Louisville until my eleventh grade year and we had an assistant football coach as our basketball coach. My first year at East Central, we were led by a football coach and the second year we were coached by a woman from New Jersey who taught physical education and knew nothing about basketball! I never had a real basketball coach so I have always tried to be what I never had."

In addition to her accolades as a basketball coach, Wood also led the ECJC volleyball "Club Team" to the 1970 state title, and from 1957 to 1976 she coached men and women's tennis teams. Five of her tennis players won state championships.

After retiring from coaching in 1986, Wood continued her interest in women's athletics by

students. In recent years, Wood instituted the singing of the Alma Mater at the conclusion of the program.

In addition to her outstanding service as a faculty member, Wood has also served twice as president of the Alumni Association.

She spearheaded the effort to restore Sullivan Park, an area adjacent to Newsome Hall dormitory and named in honor of Mrs. Janie Huff Sullivan, one of Wood's teachers at then East Central Junior College.

"Mrs. Sullivan was a dedicated teacher and always encouraged her students to be inquisitive, moral and ambitious," Wood said. "She spent a great deal of time planting shrubs and flowers on the east side of the campus."

Her latest project was the College's Memorabilia Room, which was completed in 2005. Located in Burton Library, the room houses various items of historical significance to East Central and its alumni. Wood, along with former librarians Gloria Johnson and Gail Wood, organized efforts for the creation and completion of the special area.

"The Memorabilia Room was a big project," Wood said. "We have collected many items from throughout the history of the col-

lege. It could not coach and the job was given to an agriculture teacher," Wood said.

Being turned down for the coaching job might have been the best thing to happen for women's athletics, as it laid the foundation for Wood's ideas concerning opportunities for girls and women in sports and coaching.

"Many people probably do not know that from 1954 until 1975, the Mississippi Junior College Athletic Association (MJCAA) did not recognize women's basketball as a sport. My second year at East Central (1957), a group of girls, led by (the late) Sue Gunter (longtime women's basketball coach at Louisiana State University and NCAA Hall of Fame inductee), wanted to play competitive basketball.

"Mr. Vincent gave approval for us to play and we scheduled about 10 games. Sue, who later excelled as a senior college player and coach, always gave credit to East Central for 'jump-starting' her career. I have to give credit to Mr. Vincent for allowing all those girls who were members of our 'Club Teams' to follow their dreams and for allowing me to follow my dream of being a coach," Wood said.

Wood led those "Club Teams"

serving in various capacities. She completed a 10-year tenure as Region 23 Director of Women's Athletics and was presented the NJCAA Service Award in 1990.

She was inducted into the ECCC Athletic Hall of Fame in 1986 and in 1988 was honored by having the ECCC physical education building named for her and All-American basketball player Denver Brackeen, who she also coached with at East Central.

Her most recent athletic honors came in 2004 and 2007 when she was inducted into the NJCAA Women's Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame and the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges Sports Hall of Fame, respectively.

However, Wood said that her greatest reward was during Homecoming activities in 2003, when she organized a reunion of her former "Club Team" players and presented "letters" to them.

In retirement, she plans to continue her relationship with East Central as a volunteer in the College's Foundation and Alumni Relations Office, working with Dr. Stacey Hollingsworth, executive director. Wood already has her sights set on her next big project: the restoration of Founders' Gymnasium.

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All signed up in Carthage

East Central Community College's Artie Foreman casts an appraising eye Wednesday morning, June 29, on his freshly finished sign on the south end of the square in

Carthage above the Decatur-based institutions career advancement center slated for formal opening ceremonies in August.

ECCC advances project

□ Sign mounted in Carthage as GED classes start

Official grand opening ceremonies are weeks away, but signs of things to come have gone up in downtown Carthage.

In a carefully orchestrated effort East Central Community College personnel plugged in lettering establishing the old justice court offices as the school's Career Advancement Center.

Full occupation and operation of the storefront on the south end of the square in Carthage, said Joseph Knight, director of work force development, will be some time in August.

"We have not set the actual date," he said Friday.

But the mission is established, he offered.

"It is a place where customized training will take place, technical, professional and personal," he said.

More than just an ECCC presence on the square, the center will serve to help stimulate the local economy, Knight said. "Our focus, of course, first is business and industry."

The key would be to work with "incumbent workers and displaced workers," those already employed and those without jobs, to improve their job skills and help them get new or better jobs.

Though the sign went up Wednesday, June 29, the center was already in service, Knight said. "We are already doing GED in there. We started GED about three weeks ago."

When the center hits full stride on its mission to "support businesses, industry, individuals and communities," leading the effort will be Lucretia Williams, he said.

Williams, a Leake County native, he said, would serve as personal development specialist and site coordinator.

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Months ago ECCC officials and Melanie Hartley, executive director of Leake Development Association, approached Leake County supervisors about the vacant office building.

Formerly housing county justice court functions, the building went empty when the county built new quarters off the west side of the square on Main Street across from Carthage City Hall.

Community college and county officials hammered out a deal for ECCC to rent the site and, prior to occupation of the building,

do a little more than \$20,000 in renovation work, funded by a state grant.

"That was funding we were able to bring to the table from the State Board of Community and Junior Colleges," Knight said.

The center of that renovation was getting the center ready for jobs training functions in the near future, he said.

The bulk of the work, Knight said, was wiring and the like to prepare for "installation of training equipment later."

According to an ECCC Workforce Development flier Carthage, like similar centers in Decatur, Louisville and Philadelphia, will have video conferencing capabilities.

The workforce development arm of ECCC, the flier indicated, offered an array of services including technical training, advanced skills training, small business development, human resource services, basic skills services, healthcare instruction and computer applications.

Decatur deeds three streets to ECCC

By Bill Graham

Appeal Managing Editor

Three streets on the campus of East Central Community College will soon belong to the college, not the town of Decatur.

Town aldermen approved the transfer of 6th and 7th avenues and 9th street during their monthly meeting July 5.

Mayor Randy Rushing said ECCC president Dr. Phil Sutphin had requested the deeds to the avenues, which run through the college campus, because they could be repaired by the Mississippi Department of Transportation.

Mike Anderson of Ward 5 wanted to include 9th street, which connects 6th and 7th avenues, in the transfer.

Ward 2 Alderman Mark Buntyn said he wanted the deal to be 'comprehensive,

not piecemeal."

Max Anderson of Ward 1 agreed, and the board approved the transfer of the three streets.

In other matters during the otherwise routine two-hour meeting:

- The town got a clean bill of health in an audit report.

The audit was necessary because the town had handled more the \$500,000 in federal money, auditor Tony Chance said. The bulk of the money, received under a grant program, was used to upgrade the town's sewer system.

Chance noted one issue with the "internal control" of the town's accounting, but emphasized that the problem was common among small towns.

"Everything is good-the town passed," he said.

- The board discussed

applying for \$100,000 small municipalities grant.

- The board approved the purchase of new tires for a fire truck, on the request of Steve Baggett, chief of the Decatur Volunteer Fire Department.

- Agreed to contract with a collection agency, American Municipal Services, on the recommendation of Darrin Hathorn, the town's interim police chief.

Hathorn said the Texas-based company would track down old fines at no cost to the town, then charge a 25 percent fee to the person who got the ticket.

The chief has been working to collect about \$70,000 in old fines. He said that, so far, his office had collected \$9,658 in old fines.

- Aldermen approved the purchase of small truck for the water department.

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Several ECCC staffers receive new assignments

Several staff members have recently assumed new roles at East Central Community College in Decatur, announced ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin.

David Case is the new Dean of Admissions, Records and Research; Derek Pace is now Director for Technology Management; and Regena Boykin is serving as Associate Director for Technology Management.

Case previously served as Assistant to the President for Planning, Institutional Research and Technology and Director for Technology Management.

Case, a Jackson native, joined the ECCC staff in 1995.

He previously served as assistant professor in technology education at the University of West Alabama in Livingston. He is a former graduate instructor at the University of Alabama School of Commerce and Business Administration in Tuscaloosa and Millsaps College School of Management in Jackson. He is also a former assistant vice president for Trustmark National Bank/Unifirst Bank in Jackson.

A graduate of Jim Hill High School in Jackson, Case received a bachelor's degree in engineering from the University of Mississippi and earned a master's in business administration from Millsaps College. He is currently

pursuing a doctoral degree.

Case is married to the former Paige Sullivan of Brookhaven. They have three daughters, Elizabeth, 19; Catherine, 17; and Mary Madelon, 14.

Prior to his promotion, Pace served as Associate Director for Technology Management.

He joined the ECCC staff in 1996 after previously serving as data processing manager at Peco Foods of Missis-



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sippi, LLC, in Sebastopol. He also held similar positions at Hughes Aircraft (now Raytheon Systems, Inc.) of Mississippi, Inc., in Forest; Green Acre Farms, Inc. (now Peco Foods) in Sebastopol; and DataCenter Systems in Jackson.

Pace is a former president of the Mississippi Community and Junior College Computer Center Directors' Association.

A 1981 graduate of Lake Attendance Center, Pace attended ECCC in 1981-82 and the University of Southern Mississippi, where he received a bachelor's degree in computer science/data processing in 1984.

Pace is married to the former Patty Calvert of Philadelphia, who is employed with Neshoba County Schools. They have two sons, Benjamin, 15; and Brian, 10; both students at Neshoba Central.

They reside in the Shady Grove community in Neshoba County.

Boykin joined the ECCC staff in 2003 and served as Assistant Director for Technology Management prior to her promotion.

She was previously employed as office assistant at East Central Mississippi Health Care in Sebastopol. She is a former network control technician for World Com/SkyTel, and earlier served as a computer specialist at Martin Manufacturing Corporation in Sebastopol. She began her career as an inventory clerk at Eason Hardware in Sebastopol.

A 1996 graduate of Sebastopol Attendance Center, Boykin received an associate's degree in computer programming from ECCC in 1998 and is currently pursuing a bachelor's degree in information technology.

She is married to James Boykin, who is employed at the Philadelphia/Neshoba County Career-Technical Center as Building Trades instructor. They have two children, Wesley, eight; and Samantha, four.

They live in the Prospect

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Tuition, taxes remain stable at ECCC

from staff reports

East Central Community College students will not pay more for school this year, and Newton County taxpayers will not see an increase in their contribution to the school, ECCC President Dr. Phil Sutphin told county supervisors in his annual report Thursday.

Tuition for full-time students will remain at \$990.

Thanks to the restoration of state funding, he said.

The tuition is comparable to other community colleges in the state, he said.

"Sometimes it gets dif-

ficult to do, when expenses go up and your revenue isn't quite what you want it to be," he said about the college's focus on keeping tuition affordable.



Dr. Phil Sutphin

"But we've lived through the recession. We're solid-audits are good and we've got cash in the bank. We're ready to move forward as the economy improves."

Millage

Millage will stay at 2.25 mills for maintenance and support and 1.50 mills for enlargement, improvement and repairs.

Last year, Newton County taxpayers contributed \$348,000

(\$208,333 for maintenance, \$99, 531 for improvement funds, and \$40,800 for the new women's dormitory project) to ECCC's budget, making up 1.79 percent of the college's annual funding.

"The college is most appreciative of the support it continues to receive from Newton County and strives to provide the county's citizens with a quality education at an affordable price," Dr. Sutphin's report said.

New science building, enrollment up

This fall, the two-story science building next to Cross Hall is expected to be completed, Dr. Sutphin said.

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A crew works on the Ron Davis Science Building at East Central Community College last Thursday. The building is expected to be finished sometime this fall, according to EC President Dr. Phil Sutphin.

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The building, named after longtime biology instructor Ron Davis, will include state of the art laboratory facilities.

The \$4.1 million project is being built using state bond funds. Dr. Sutphin says additional state bond monies will be used to renovate Cross Hall in the future.

being looked at for a \$1 million Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence.

"They started looking at nationally available data," Dr. Sutphin said. "And the data they looked at put East Central in the top ten percent of the community college in the nation."

The winner will be named in December.

Last fall, enrollment jumped to just shy of 3,000 students. The record enrollment was an increase of 5.3 percent from the previous year.

Aspen Prize

The college is also

Orientation

A final orientation session for freshmen and transfer students planning to attend the 2011 fall semester will be held Friday, August 5 on the Decatur campus.

Fall classes begin Thursday, August 18.

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EC Warrior Club banquet set for August 11 in Mabry Cafeteria

Supporters of East Central Community College athletics are encouraged to attend the fourth annual Warrior Club Fall Banquet scheduled Thursday, August 11, on the Decatur campus.

Activities for the semi-casual event begin with a social hour at 6 p.m. followed by a dinner and program at 7 p.m. in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria. The banquet menu includes fried catfish and shrimp.

"The banquet is open to all alumni and friends of the College who have supported East Central athletics in the past and/or pledge their support in the future," said Dr. Stacey Hollingsworth, executive director for foundation and alumni relations. Her office also receives contributions for The Warrior Club, the financial support group for

ECCC's athletic teams.

Hollingsworth said featured speakers on the program will be head coaches for each sport, who include Brian Anderson (football), Kenneth Thompson (women and men's soccer), Bill Smith (women's basketball), Maurice Bowie (men's basketball), Neal Holliman (baseball), Scott Hill (fast-pitch softball), Dianne O'Neill and Kyle Watson (women and men's tennis) and Chris Clark (golf). Chris Harris, athletic director, will serve as master of ceremonies.

Tickets are \$20 per person. All proceeds are designated for The Warrior Club Post-Season Fund.

For more information contact Dr. Stacey Hollingsworth, 601-635-6327 or call toll free, 877-462-3222, ext. 327.

The e-mail address is sholling@eccc.edu.

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Nearly \$80,000 Awarded in Scholarships at ECCC

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East Central Community College in Decatur awarded almost \$80,000 in scholarship monies to area students during the AT&T Scholarship Awards Program held June 16 in Huff Auditorium and followed by a luncheon in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria.

The annual event recognizes the outstanding students and also representatives from the families, businesses and industries who established the scholarships.

Scholarships and the respective Scott County recipients included the following:

Bank of Morton Scholarships: Jordan Grant and Emily Marler-Morton High School;

W. Clayton Blount Scholarship: Colby Maner-Morton High School;

Mable Moore Carr Scholarship: Amber McDaniel-Forest High School;

ECCC Class of 1964 Scholarship: Hannah Clay-Lake High School;

R.O. and Bertha Hannah Scholarship: Megan Everett-Lake High School;

Kelley Humphreys Nursing Scholarship: Rachel Ramirez-Forest High School;

Elizabeth Pettigrew-Scott High School; Central High School; Jay B. and Frances Harris Smith Scholarship: Darin Hillman-Sebastopol High School; and Clell McCurdy-Forest High School;

S. Lebrun Hutchinson Scholarship: James Cumberland-Sebastopol High School;

Frances Aycock Johnson and Jo Ann Aycock Thomas Scholarship: Kyle Alexander-Lake High School;

Andrew Wilson Lathem Scholarship: Emily Marler-Morton High School;

Mississippi Association of Supervisors: Katie Gill-Sebastopol High School;

Danielle Michelle Moore-Sebastopol High School; Polk and Jennie Pace Scholarship: Matt Graham-Lake High School;

Charles P. and Bonnie Saxon Phillips Scholarship: Jordan Wigington-Lake High School;

Regina Gail Gibbs Rigby Memorial Scholarship: Amber McDaniel-Forest High School;

Elva Smith Sigrest Memorial Scholarship: Rachel Ramirez-Forest High School;

Southern AgCredit Scholarship: Malori Jones-Puckett High School;

Bob Wilkerson Memorial Vo-Tech Scholarship: Colton Gibbs-Scott Central High School;

For more information contact Stacey Hollingsworth, Executive Director for Foundation and Alumni Relations at 601-635-6327. The e-mail address is sholling@eccc.edu.

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ECCC committed to providing quality education

Located in the heart of east central Mississippi, East Central Community College in Decatur continues to offer a quality education at affordable price for students of all ages.

To further assist students with their educational goals – especially during these challenging economic times – tuition and fees will basically remain the same in 2011-12, thanks mainly to the Mississippi Legislature which restored level funding for the state's community and junior colleges for the current fiscal year.

Tuition is \$895 per semester for the upcoming school year, an educational bargain compared to the state's four-year colleges and universities and most of the two-year institutions.

For most dormitory students, total fees for the fall term are \$2,430 for those on a five-day meal plan and \$2,585 for the seven-day meal plan. Students in Barber Hall will pay \$2,530 (five-day meal plan) or \$2,685 (seven-day plan).

East Central's commitment to providing a quality education was even more evident with its recent designation as one of the top community colleges in the nation by the Aspen Institute. Selection is based on publicly available performance data, and a panel of experts has placed ECCC in the top 120 community and junior colleges in the country.

"It's been widely known for some time that EC is great place to continue one's education," said ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin. "To be recognized nationally is confirmation of the quality education that the College provides to students of all ages."

Dr. Sutphin said the reason for EC's success is obvious:

"The single most important reason for the results we get in the academic area is the quality of the instruction staff," he said. "When students are taught by dedicated instructors, the results are significant."

National recognition of the College's

success in academics was also earned by several athletic teams in 2010, as the fast-pitch softball team and women's tennis squad were named NJCAA Spring All-Academic Teams of the Year in recognition of their 3.69 and 3.65 grade point averages, respectively. Also receiving national recognition for academic excellence were the women's soccer team (3.54), men's tennis team (3.34), men's golf team (3.05) and baseball squad (3.0).

A record number of student-athletes also qualified for individual honors as NJCAA Academic All-Americans.

"We are very proud of our student-athletes for this outstanding achievement," said Dr. Sutphin. "EC stands for academic quality and to have that demonstrated in our athletic program is confirmation of that success."

As East Central's commitment to quality education has continued, so has the commitment to providing an affordable education.

Along with offering a low-cost education, as noted above, EC continues to provide numerous financial aid opportunities for students of all ages.

In addition to athletic, band, ACT and various other academic awards provided for students, numerous scholarships are also funded by alumni, businesses and industries at the annual AT&T Scholarship Awards Luncheon held each summer on campus.

The unique event recognizes donors and recipients of the various scholarships, which in 2011 resulted in approximately 100 students receiving scholarships totaling \$80,000 in value.

The Warrior Golf Classic is another annual provider of scholarships for students residing in the College's five-county district, which includes Leake, Neshoba, Newton, Scott and Winston counties.

Following this year's event, held at the Dancing Rabbit Golf Club in Choctaw, approximately \$8,200 was raised in scholarship funds.

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Alexander tapped for EC faculty

George Alexander of Little Rock was recently named biology instructor at East Central Community College in Decatur, announced ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin.

Alexander, who joined the ECCC faculty on Aug. 15, served the past three years as an adjunct biology instructor at the College. He served as biology teacher at Union High School from 2006-2011 and taught eighth-grade science

classes at Pilate Middle School in Newton from 2003-06.

Prior to beginning a career in education, Alexander held a number of positions in private industry, serving mostly as a technical writer.

Alexander attends First Presbyterian Church in Union.

A 1977 graduate of Beulah Hubbard High



School, Alexander continued his education at the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg, where he received a bachelor's degree in psychology in 1980 and later earned a master's degree in biology in 2006.

He is married to the former Cindy Fulton of

Little Rock and they have four children. Beth is a news anchor/reporter with WHLT in Hattiesburg; Laura is a surgical technician at Anderson's Hospital in Meridian; Anna is junior public relations major at Mississippi State University in Starkville; and William is a home-schooled senior.

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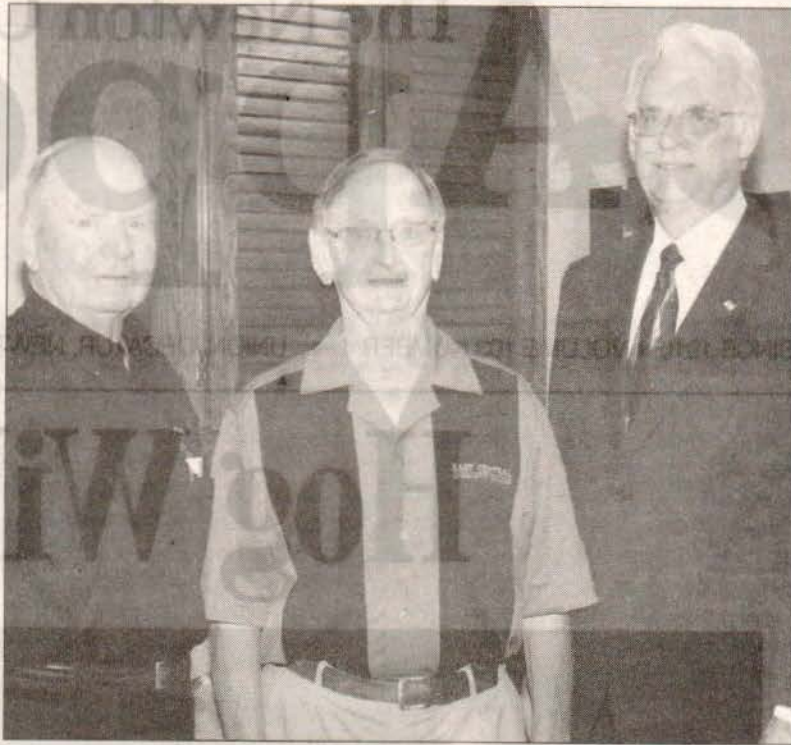
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Edsel Cliburn (center) of Union was recently honored for his 20 years of service as a member of the East Central Community College Board of Trustees. Cliburn received the recognition at the annual meeting of the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges held July 8-10, 2011, on the Gulf Coast. Cliburn was also recognized for his current length of service by ECCC Board Chairman Prentice Copeland (left) and ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin at the Board's August 9 meeting held on the Decatur campus. (EC Photo)

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Avalon departs ECCC

After serving five years as assistant baseball coach at East Central Community College, Michael Avalon was recently selected head baseball coach at Mississippi Delta.

Avalon served as pitching coach, camp director and recruiter since joining the ECCC staff in 2006.

ECCC head coach Neal Holliman said Avalon had been valuable to his team.

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'Army of Tom Night' Scheduled Sept. 8 at ECCC

The public is invited to join the East Central Community College family in supporting Director of Bands Thomas W. Carson in his fight with cancer.

Carson, who has led the ECCC Band Program since 1982, will soon begin treatments to fight the recently diagnosed disease.

College officials have designated the Warriors' home opener with Northwest Mississippi Community College on Thursday, Sept. 8, 2011, as "Army of Tom Night: Mission Cancer."

"Everyone is encouraged to purchase and wear the designated "Army of Tom: Mission Cancer" T-shirts to the football game," said Gennie Phillips, publications coordinator and event organizer. The non-division battle with the Rangers kicks off at 6:30 p.m. at Bailey Stadium on the Decatur campus.

Phillips said the T-shirts are 100 percent cotton and available in all sizes at \$10 each from Specialtees, Etc., located at 501 Decatur Street in Newton, MS 39345, Phone 601-683-2552.

The idea for the fundraiser came from Lauren Lurk, a sophomore at ECCC and member of the Wall O' Sound Marching Band. The design concept was Lauren's

with the final design completed by her mother, Beth Jenkins.

Judy Beckley, Lauren's grandmother and company owner, said, "After Mr. Carson told the band he had cancer, Lauren felt so bad and wanted to do something to help out with medical expenses," she said. "We knew that everyone would be praying for and supporting them, but Lauren wanted to do something visible that the Carsons could see and know that people loved them...and that's why we came up with the T-shirt idea."

"We plan to print many more cases of T-shirts this week," Beckley added.

In addition to purchasing T-shirts at Specialtees, Etc., Phillips said the "Army of Tom: Mission Cancer" T-shirts will be available for purchase from 10:40 to 11:35 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 1, 2011, in the Mabry Memorial Cafeteria hallway.

"The shirts are selling fast, so please purchase your shirts as soon as possible," Phillips said.

Checks should be made payable to Army of Tom, as all proceeds above costs are designated to the Carson family.

For more information, contact Gennie Phillips at ECCC, 601-635-6364 or e-mail gphillips@eccc.edu.



Wearing "The Army of Tom: Mission Cancer" T-shirts are family members (from left) Beth Jenkins, Judy Beckley, Lauren Lurk and Bob Beckley whose company, Specialtees, Etc., in Newton designed and produced the shirts to support ECCC Director of Bands Tom Carson in his battle with cancer. (Submitted photo)

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Sunday, September 11, 2011**NEW ECCC STAFF MEMBERS**

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New personnel for the 2011 fall semester at East Central Community College in Decatur include: seated, from left, Sheri Anders of Meridian, Early Childhood Education instructor; Rachel Tyson of Brandon, speech instructor; Deanna Cumberland of Philadelphia, WIA/Dislocated Worker Program Coordinator; James Jackson of Brandon, sociology instructor; and Jeff Lucas of Philadelphia, network administrator; and standing, from left, Stacey Pollock of Meridian, English instructor/theatre director; Matthew Riley of Carthage, CBJT Grant Coordinator; George Alexander of Little Rock, biology instructor; Chris Ryals of Starkville, drafting and design technology instructor; Justin Brewer of Wesson, assistant baseball coach; and Chris Davis of Louisville, mathematics instructor.

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ECCC 'LAMPLIGHTERS' DELEGATES



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Representing East Central Community College at the annual Lamplighter Conference on Sept. 28-30, will be Alexei Huguley of Meridian, culinary arts instructor; Vikki McNair of Philadelphia, math instructor; and Katrina Bryant Rushford of Decatur, EMT/Paramedic director/instructor. The annual conference recognizes the state's outstanding community and junior college instructors. Northeast Community College in Booneville will host the conference.

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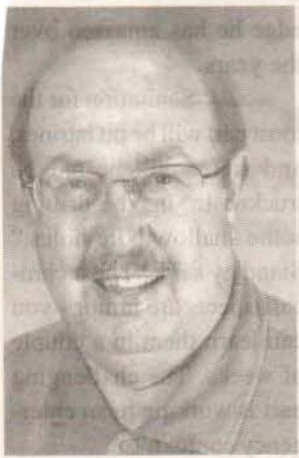
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Len Bobo

East Central Community College music instructor Len Bobo, alumnus Aaron Mann and Dr. Rebecca Wascoe, coordinator of vocal studies at Mississippi State University, will perform a concert of original music by Bobo during a special program scheduled Monday, Sept. 19 on the Decatur campus.

The free concert, titled "Magnificent This Day," begins at 1 p.m. in the Vickers Fine Arts Center auditorium.

Bobo said the concert is named after one of the late Winifred Farrar's poems.

"Winifred was Poet Laureate of Mississippi and a former English teacher at Meridian High School," said Bobo, who set two of her poems to music for the concert.

Bobo, Dr. Wascoe and Greg Wascoe performed the concert selections on several occasions earlier this year for various colleges in Mississippi and for the Jackson American Guild of Organists.



Dr. Rebecca Wascoe

gan Performance and Theory/Composition from the University of Tennessee.

In addition to his teaching duties, Bobo serves as Sanctuary Choir Director at Central United Methodist Church in Meridian.

He has five published compositions and this past June his Requiem was premiered by the Meridian Symphony Chorus, the Central and Poplar Springs sanctuary choirs, and members of the Mississippi Symphony.

Dr. Wascoe has won many awards with her singing and performed in numerous operatic roles. She holds the Doctorate in Vocal Performance from the University of Illinois. A Texas native, she received the Bachelor of Music Theatre from the University of Texas and the Master's Degree in Vocal Performance from North Texas State University. In June 2011, she was guest soloist for Len Bobo's Requiem.

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Bobo, a composer and pianist, joined the ECCC faculty in 2003. A Vicksburg native, Bobo earned the Associate of Arts Degree from Hinds Junior College, the Bachelor of Music Degree in Organ from Mississippi College and the Masters of Music Degree in Or-

Carthage, is currently working toward the Bachelor of Music Degree in Vocal Performance at MSU. He is a 2008 ECCC graduate.

For more information, contact Len Bobo at ECCC, 601-635-6227 or e-mail lbobo@eccc.edu.

Student enrollment has reached an all-time high at East Central Community College in Decatur, according to David Case, Dean of Admissions, Records and Research.

Case said 3,223 students registered for the 2011 fall semester, a 7.7 percent increase compared to the previous record of 2,992 students who signed up for classes in the 2010 fall term.

ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin said the record enrollment is reflective of the College's mission "of serving students."

"East Central continues to grow," said Dr. Sutphin, now in his 12th-year leading the two-year institution. "I think this is testament to the quality of our programs and the success of our students as they continue to pursue their goals."

Randall E. Lee, who serves as vice president of student services and leads the College's recruiting effort, added:

"East Central Community College is one of the best colleges in the state and we offer an outstanding product. Our enrollment continues to grow because of the combination of low, low costs and a very high-quality education."

Case said the record enrollment includes 2,667 students who reside in the College's support district, which includes Leake, Neshoba, Newton, Scott and Winston counties.

The largest number of students (752) comes from Neshoba County followed by Newton, 680; Scott, 499; Winston, 373; and Leake, 363.

Case said 556 students are from out-of-district schools in Mississippi and 92 students are from other states.

For more information, contact David Case at ECCC, 601-635-6406 or call toll free, 877-462-3222, ext. 406. His e-mail address is dcase@eccc.edu.

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McCurdy Recognized for ECCC Service

Scott County Supt. of Education Frank McCurdy (center) of Morton was recently honored for his 15 years of service as a member of the East Central Community College Board of Trustees. McCurdy received the recognition at the annual meeting of the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior College Trustees held July 8-10, 2011, on the Gulf Coast. McCurdy, who did not seek re-election, was also recognized for his service to the College by ECCC Board Chairman Prentice Copeland (left) and ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin at the Board's August 8 meeting held on the Decatur campus. (EC Photo)

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Dunagin tapped for ECCC Athletic Hall

DECATUR — His football coaches at East Central Junior College described him as "one of the best players" and "the most consistent back."

Kenneth Dunagin, of Decatur, more than lived up to the praises received by the Warrior coaching staff, as the standout fullback and linebacker earned All-America honors following his sophomore campaign in 1957.

Dunagin, who continued his success on the gridiron at the university level, can now add another honor to his list of accomplishments — selection to the ECCC Athletic Hall of Fame.

Dunagin and teammate Jim Fisackerly, of New Orleans, formerly of Morton, will be enshrined during homecoming activities scheduled Saturday, Oct. 8, on the Decatur campus.

Regarding his selection for the prestigious honor, Dunagin replied, "It's an honor and a privilege...and one I will never forget."

The Athletic Hall of Fame inductee also expressed appreciation "to my former coaches, teammates, classmates and others" for the nomination.

Dunagin added: "It's a pleasure to be included with a great list of coaches and athletes who are already in the Athletic Hall of Fame...and it is especially an honor to join my high school coach, Jeff Loper, and my junior college coach, Clayton Blount, in this prestigious group."

Dunagin first starred at Newton County Agricultural High School, part of which (classes for juniors and seniors) was located on the East Central campus due to a fire that destroyed most of the high school. Dunagin said he enjoys telling people he went to school "four years on the hallowed grounds at East Central."

Dunagin, a four-year member on the Newton County AHS squad, was a three-year letter-winner and served two years as captain. He played fullback in the old "single wing" and often played the role of quarterback and threw passes from the formation.

His most successful season was his senior season in 1955. That year he scored 109 points, which included nine touchdown passes.

Dunagin still recalls one of those TD strikes.

"I threw a long pass to Eddie Blackburn and afterwards got knocked down on my can," he said with a laugh. "When I got up, I saw everybody celebrating so I knew we had scored a touchdown! But it was not Eddie who scored...somehow Don Cooper made the touchdown catch! I guess I was little off target but we scored anyhow!"

Dunagin, who stood 6-foot and weighed about 175 pounds, helped lead Newton County AHS to a 9-1 record and the Rebel Conference championship. The only defeat was a 14-13 setback to the Forest Bearcats.

Dunagin was an All-Conference selection his senior year and decided to keep his athletic talents in Decatur and play for the Warriors. He recalled starting his first game at age 17!

Highlights of his career mostly involve the Warriors' rivalry with "Scooba," as East Mississippi Junior College was referred to in those days. The legendary "Bull" Sullivan was the Lions' head football coach.

"We played Scooba twice in 1957...tied the first game 7-7 and lost the second 20-7," he recalled. "It was a great rivalry but I don't recall any scuffles or fights...we didn't go to each other's campus and cause damage...had we done that, coach Blount would have killed us! And I doubt coach Sullivan's players would have tried anything either!"

Dunagin said he was not a witness to coach Sullivan's sometimes "controversial" behavior but did relate one memory about the legendary coach.



Dunagin

"I got blocked in front of Scooba's bench and fell to the ground one time during a game held at Ray Stadium in Meridian," said Dunagin. "I was almost knocked out by the hit and gasped for air to breathe while trying to get up. As I was rising, I noticed coach Sullivan staring down at me. He grabbed me by my jersey, picked me up, slapped me on my fanny and said, 'Get back in there, son!' I replied 'yes sir' and ran back to the huddle!"

Dunagin said EC struggled for success during his two years on the squad, as the Warriors went 4-6 in 1956 and 2-6-2 in 1957.

"The two teams that dominated JUCO football at that time were Pearl River and Hinds," he said. "Hinds was almost a scout team for LSU. If they had a great kid at LSU that had problems, he ended up at Hinds. Jimmy Taylor and Earl Leggett were some of the great athletes who played at Hinds. Hinds and Pearl River got a lot of great athletes from Louisiana."

Although Dunagin was not a member of a winning team at EC, his talents did not go unnoticed, as he and teammate Tommy McCullough of Philadelphia were selected for the All-American Junior College Football Team.

When Dunagin was selected to the All-American Team, EC coach Clayton Blount remarked, "Dunagin is one of the best players that I have ever coached at East Central." Added Tom Cheney, assistant coach, "He is the most consistent back we have. I have never seen him give up."

In reflecting on his time at EC, Dunagin said he "thoroughly enjoyed" campus life.

"I especially enjoyed my association with team members and coaches Blount and Cheney," he said. "I also enjoyed the entire student population, administration and faculty. Mr. (Arno) Vincent was president and some of my favorite instructors were Mr. (Ovid) Vickers, Mr. (Frank) Cross and Mrs. (Stella) Newsome."

Dunagin left EC in the fall of 1958 to continue his athletic career at Southeastern Louisiana College, where he was awarded a full scholarship. He played fullback and linebacker his junior year and switched to offensive right end and defensive end his senior season. His top weight at Southeastern was 193 pounds!

After graduating from SLC, Dunagin spent the first part of his career at Brookhaven High School as a science and physics teacher, assistant football coach, assistant baseball coach and head tennis coach.

He spent the remainder of his career in work focused on the oil industry, sales and the marine industry, while living in Morgan City, La.

After he retired in 2006, Dunagin returned to Decatur. He spends his "retirement" serving as court bailiff for Circuit Court Judges Marcus Gordon and Vernon Cotton. He also enjoys gardening "especially when talking to my tomatoes and peas!"

Dunagin is married to his bride of 45 years, the former Joanne McBain of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. They have twin boys, Kenneth and Kevin. Kenneth and his wife Leslie have two a son and daughter and live in Morgan City. Kevin and his wife Caroline reside in Vicksburg.

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Fisackerly to Join ECCC Athletic Hall of Fame

He was a two-sport standout at then East Central Junior College but especially excelled in football, earning National Junior College All-America and first team All-State honors at tackle in 1958.

Jim Fisackerly, a Morton native who successfully continued his athletic career on the university level, is joining teammate Kenneth Dunagin of Decatur as the latest inductees into the ECCC Athletic Hall of Fame. The pair will be enshrined during homecoming activities scheduled Saturday, Oct. 8, 2011, on the Decatur campus.

Regarding the honor, Fisackerly, who resides in New Orleans, said, "I am indeed humbled by this great achievement but I am also thrilled to be accepted as an entry into the Athletic Hall of Fame at ECCC. Of the many accomplishments I have had, I count this one as the greatest."

Fisackerly came to East Central in 1957 from Morton High School, where he excelled athletically and academically. He played four years of football – capped by his selection to All Little Dixie Conference and honorable mention All-State teams. He was also selected team captain his senior season. In addition, Fisackerly played three years of basketball and two years of baseball. His success in academics was highlighted by his selection as class valedictorian.

When he arrived on the East Central campus to begin his freshman year, the 190-pound Fisackerly admitted it took a while to adjust his new role as a backup, after being a starter for most of his career at Morton.

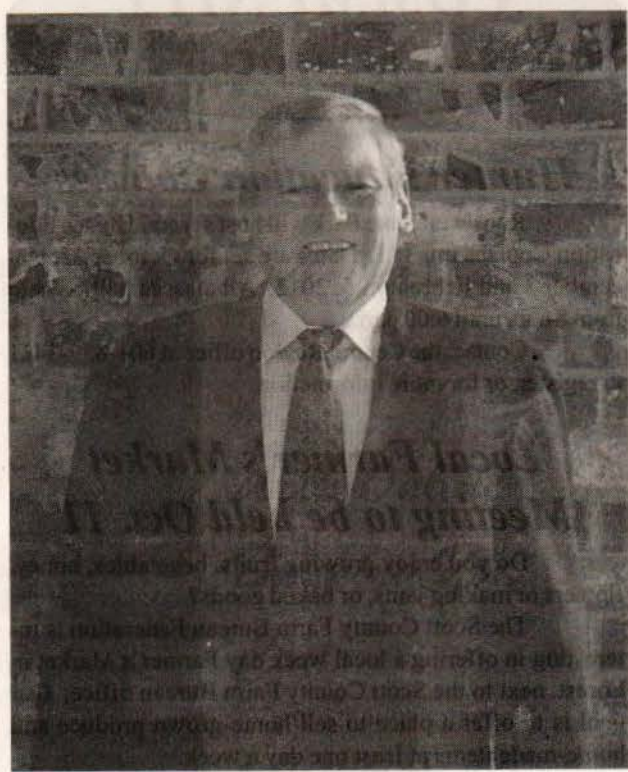
which was better than the so-called expert sportswriters had predicted for us," he said. "I was also honored to be selected an All-State and All-American."

Fisackerly also has fond memories of playing baseball at ECJC.

"I enjoyed my one year of baseball as a pitcher for Coach Tom Chaney's team in the spring of 1958," he said of his brief career, highlighted by his selection as the team's most valuable pitcher. He also played third base and was one of the top hitters with a .343 average. Fisackerly said his athletic experience at East Central was not only a positive one but also sometimes humorous.

"The most unusual and later on humorous event occurred in the fall of 1958 during two-a-day practices in August," he recalled with a smile. "I had worked hard in spring training to earn the starting left tackle job. When we reported to start practice, I was told that a tackle was coming to play at EC that had made the All Service Football All-Star Team (military football). To make a long story short, this All Service Team tackle did not make it through calisthenics during the first day of practice! He packed his bags that night and left Decatur to go home. It was humorous then...after some apprehension on my part!" Regarding those twice daily practices in August, Fisackerly said he would just soon forget about them!

"I would say that the two-a-day workouts in August for football were the least enjoyed times in my athletic career at East Central," he said. "Those had to be the hottest days ever when we were doing the necessary two-a-day prac-



Jim Fisackerly

was able to achieve. Coach Clayton Blount in my freshman year was a great motivator. Coach Bobby Oswalt and Coach Tom Cheney in my sophomore year motivated and pushed me to be able to achieve what I did in my sophomore year. They were all extremely good coaches and motivators."

Fisackerly's success his sophomore season received national attention, as he was selected a first alternate for the JUCO All-Star Football Game held in California. He did not play in the contest but was later notified that he was chosen on the JUCO All American Team and received a certificated designating the honor. Fisackerly, whose 6-2 frame now carried 235 pounds, transferred to Memphis State University, where the left tackle enrolled in the second trimester. He was redshirted even though he played in the first five games as a third string left tackle. "I even played half the game

tentions were to begin a career as a teacher and coach soon after graduation but instead he served six months of military active duty through the Mississippi National Guard unit in Morton.

When he completed military duty in Sept. 1962, he said "all the good teaching and coaching jobs had been taken," so he started the job interviewing process through the Rudy Tatum Agency in Jackson. He was soon hired by Lever Brothers Company, a soap and detergent manufacturer, as a sales representative in the Richmond, VA, market. It was during this period when he met his future wife, the former Georgia Crute. They were married in June 1963.

Fisackerly won numerous sales awards and other honors with Lever Brothers throughout his 33-year career, highlighted by his selection as the top district sales manager in the

"After being humbled in my freshman year in 1957 at East Central by playing behind some outstanding tackles, I really enjoyed my sophomore year," he stated.

Although he lettered as a freshman, Fisackerly was elevated to first-team status as a sophomore and started at left tackle weighing 210 pounds. He was also elected team co-captain along with Jimmy Livingston of Tuscaloosa. The 1958 season was a successful campaign and came on the heels of 2-6-2 mark in 1957.

"We won seven games in 1958 and lost four,

tices to get ready for the upcoming season."

Fisackerly noted the campus atmosphere was the best part about attending East Central.

"The friendly attitudes of the college professors were the things that impressed me most about EC," he stated. "They were always willing to listen to your problems and help you achieve in their classrooms. The professors were also very supportive in our quest to win athletic games."

Fisackerly was also appreciative of his coaches.

"I thank my ECCC coaches who helped me achieve everything that I

that year against Ole Miss when they finished the 1959 year as number one in the country."

Fisackerly said he did not play in the final five games of the 1959 season and became disgruntled with the situation.

He accepted a transfer scholarship to Delta State College (now Delta State University) and played football for two years. He was a defensive tackle in 1960 and switched to offensive tackle in 1961.

Fisackerly graduated from Delta State in January 1962 with a bachelor's degree in education. His in-

country in 1979. He retired on Jan. 1, 1996.

Fisackerly and Georgia were married for 43 years when she lost her battle with liver cancer in August 2005. They had four children: Linda, James Jr., Kenneth and Michael. Fisackerly has nine grandchildren – seven boys and two girls.

His hobbies are fishing and hunting and spending time with his grandchildren.

Bowen named ECCC Alumnus of the Year

Special to The Star

DECATUR — For almost six decades, Dr. Frank Bowen has donned his suit and tie, strapped on his stethoscope and reported to work serving the medical needs of the people of Leake County. He said he cannot remember a time he wanted to be anything other than a doctor and at age 90, he doesn't seem to be looking towards a career change or retirement any time soon.

Bowen, who will be honored as the 2011 East Central Community College Alumnus of the Year during activities scheduled for Saturday on the Decatur campus, has been a practicing physician since 1952 when he completed his internship at Methodist Hospital in Memphis, Tenn., and began his medical practice in Leake County.



Bowen

"I never wanted to do anything else," he said. "Scholarships were available for physicians who returned to be community doctors in small towns. I had that and the G.I. Bill to pay for medical school. I was happy that I made the choice to be a small town doctor. People have been very good to me."

Bowen married the late Bobbie McPhail Bowen, whom he met when they were students at East Central, on May 1, 1943, in Tampa, Fla., while he was stationed in the Army. After his discharge from the Army, the Bowens moved to Oxford where he enrolled at the University of Mississippi to complete his pre-med courses. Bowen received the bachelor of arts degree in 1948.

When he had not been accepted to medical school in September 1948, he was still interested in medicine and decided to enter graduate school to become a physiologist under the late Dr. Arthur Guyton, who is now widely known for his textbook on physiology used throughout the world.

"Things changed in just two weeks," Bowen said. "A medical student changed his mind and quit school because he did not like doing gross anatomy, in which we were dissecting the bodies. I was taking every course the medical students were taking, with the exception of histology, and I had taken this in undergraduate school. The admissions board said if I could pass the test the medical students had taken that I could become a medical student. I took the test and made 100 on it. That is how I got into medical school — actually two weeks after it had begun."

Bowen finished the first two years of medical school on March 19, 1950, and was accepted to the University of Tennessee where he entered the junior year. After two short tours of active duty with the military during his summers off, Bowen completed his last quarter of medical school in September 1951.

Following graduation, Bowen interned at Methodist Hospital in Memphis and he and his wife welcomed a son, Frank (Sonny) Bowen Jr., in May, 1952. Later that year, they moved to Walnut Grove, where Dr. Bowen entered the practice of medicine.

Bowen's practice was thriving in Walnut Grove, but the hospital was in Carthage and he says he couldn't be in two places at once so he moved his office there in 1957 and continues to serve the medical needs of Leake County today. In addition to being a staff member at Leake Memorial Hospital, where he has also served several times as Chief of Staff, he is the medical director for Golden Living Center, a 99-bed nursing home, and Sta-Home Hospice, both of Carthage.

"When practicing medicine in a small town, you become part of the families you care for and they become family to you," he said. "I have some who have been my patients for almost 60 years. They don't want another doctor, so I suppose I'll have to live longer than they do!"

Bowen and his wife established a scholarship at the college, which was first awarded in 2010, for Leake County students who graduate in the Top 10 percent of their class and enroll full time at East Central.

In addition to providing financial assistance to area students, Bowen has also served as a preceptor for the Department of Family Medicine, which allows students to observe his medical practice.

The Leake County Chamber of Commerce also sponsors a job-shadowing program for high school seniors in which Bowen takes part.

A board-certified physician since 1969, Bowen was a charter member of the American Board of Family Practice and is a member of the American Academy of Family Physicians, where he was a charter fellow and charter diplomate. He is a member of the Mississippi Academy of Family Physicians (MAFP) and was selected Mississippi Physician of the Year in 1996 and is also a past president and program chairman. Additional memberships include the American Medical Association, Mississippi State Medical Association, Central Medical Society, Mississippi Medical Directors Association and American Medical Directors Association.

Bowen was selected Sta-Home Health Agency Advisory Board Member of the Year in 1994, received the Central Medical Society Exemplary Physician Award in 2008, Mississippi State Medical Association Community Service Award in 2009 and was named to America's Top Family Doctors-Family and Geriatric Medicine for 2010.

He was selected Leake County Man of the Year in 1980, Carthage United Methodist Church Father of the Year in 1996, member and past president of the Carthage Rotary Club, selected 1989 and 2009 Rotarian of the Year and is a member of the Dancing Rabbit Genealogical Society.

Bowen is also a member of Carthage United Methodist Church, where he serves on the Administration Board, is past chairman of the Staff-Parish Relations Committee, Council on Ministries, Finance Committee, Health and Welfare Representative and a substitute Sunday school teacher.

Harrison is EC Alumna of the Year

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Nicole Harrison, East Central Community College's 2011 Alumna of the Year, doesn't measure success by one's status in society or the amount of money one makes.

She said success to her is "friendships and memories made in life and how one uses the talents God has given them. According to her, much of her success has come

from her relationships built at her alma mater.

"My success thus far is very much because of my time spent at East Central Community College," Harrison said. "My time at East Central was priceless. I know, without a doubt, I would not be where I am today had I chosen another college."

Harrison will be honored during Homecoming activities scheduled Saturday, October 8, on the Decatur campus.

A member of the ECCC Class of 1992, Harrison is the owner of Nicole Harrison Family Dentistry in Union, which she has operated since 1998.

Harrison said, "I am a general dentist in a wonderful town. Everyone knows everyone and there is such a sense of community and love and fellowship. I have a wonderful dental team that includes my mother-in-law Barbara Harrison, Jessica Burns, Kim Watson and Penny Hisaw. They are what make me successful."

Receiving this award, Harrison said, is bittersweet, since two of

the most influential people in her life are no longer alive.

"My mother and father, unfortunately, are not here to celebrate with me. My mother was the main reason for my success. She did most of the child-rearing in our home, sometimes with some tough love, but always with a lesson to be learned. She let us learn from our mistakes without interfering too much."

"My father enabled me to pursue my interest. He not only supported me financially, but I always knew he was my biggest fan."

"East Central was the best two years of my life!" Harrison said. "I met some lifelong friends and formed such close acquaintances with so many others."

"Some of my fondest memories are really of doing nothing at all. Back then, we could have fun just sitting by a bonfire or going to the truck stop to eat patty melts and French fries with gravy, hence the freshman 15!" she said.

"We 'room dawgs' would sit for hours just



Dr. Nicole Harrison

talking or dealing with guy problems!" she said. "Our best times were spent at 'Bully's Barn,' owned by the parents of a local college student. It was a favorite hangout for many ECCC students during this time."

Harrison added, "Without a doubt, the most important and biggest highlight of East Central was meeting my future husband, Chad (Harrison, Class of 1992). We met the summer right before school

but we were able to experience some wonderful times together."

There were many professors whom Harrison said she admired and respected. The two that stand out most in her mind are retired English instructor Ovid Vickers and Sammy Pace, who retired as women's basketball coach and athletic director.

"I really enjoyed Mr. Vickers' English Literature class. I never liked English, nor did I think I could ever excel at it. He made the class so interesting and challenging."

"The other person who was extremely special to me then, and still is today, is Coach Sammy Pace. I thank him for believing in me and for giving me a second chance to play basketball when I chose not to play my freshman year. He made me and my mother very happy when he let me play my sophomore year."

"I tell all my newly graduating seniors that are deciding on a college how really valuable my time at East Central was.

I probably would not have received such honors at a larger school, and might not have had the academic grades and background to get into dental school."

Harrison attended Mississippi State University and received her degree in dentistry from the University of Mississippi Medical Center in 1997.

She and her husband have two children, Dylan (8) and Julia (3). They are members of First Baptist Church in Union.

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FINALIZING HOMECOMING PLANS



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Making final preparations for East Central Community College's 2011 homecoming celebration, scheduled Saturday on the Decatur campus, are the college's Alumni Association Officers and Board of Directors, who include: seated, from left, Dr. Stacey Hollingsworth, executive director for Foundation and Alumni Relations; Lisa O'Neill, hotel and restaurant management technology instructor who serves as faculty representative; Amanda Walton, Career-Technical counselor; Florence Harkins Henley (Class of 1981) of Starkville, out-of-district representative; Lois Blount Cooper (Class of 1959) of Madison, secretary; Martha Blanton (Class of 1981) of Carthage, Leake County representative; and Dr. Lavinia Sparkman, ECCC Vice President for Instruction; (second row, from left) Bill Freeman (Class of 1989) of Forest, Scott County representative; Jerald Everett (Class of 1964) of Clinton, Association president; Anthony Cunningham (Class of 1982) of Philadelphia, Neshoba County representative; Ann Hunter Burkes (Class of 1963) of Decatur, Newton County representative; Jeanette Beevers Thrash (Class of 1958) of Decatur, Newton County representative; Dayna Morgan (Class of 1984) of Philadelphia, Neshoba County representative; and (back row, from left) ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin; Matt Alford (Class of 1989) of Forest, Scott County representative; Dr. Bob Tom Johnson (Class of 1963) of Forest, immediate past association president; Randall E. Lee, ECCC Vice President for Student Services; Paul Chamblee (Class of 1975) of Carthage, Leake County representative; Dow Thomas (Class of 1996) of Louisville, Winston County representative; and Harvey Trapp (Class of 1957) of Newton, past association president. For more information on Homecoming 2011, contact Dr. Stacey Hollingsworth, (601) 635-6327 or call toll free, (877) 462-3222, ext. 327. Her e-mail address is sholling@eccc.edu.

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ECCC Homecoming honorees

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Receiving special recognition at East Central Community College's 2011 Homecoming celebration held Saturday, Oct. 8, were (from left) Dr. Frank Bowen, Sr. (Class of 1941) of Carthage, Alumnus of the Year; Dr. Nicole Flint Harrison (Class of 1992) of Union, Alumna of the Year; and new Athletic Hall of Fame members, Morton native James E. "Jimmy" Fisackerly (Class of 1958) of New Orleans and Harmon Kenneth Dunagin (Class of 1958) of Decatur. Copper etchings of each honoree are also shown and will be permanently displayed in the College's Memorabilia Room located in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria.

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Brady to Present ECCC Humanities Program Nov. 3

Art instructor Christopher Brady is East Central Community College's 2011 recipient of the Mississippi Humanities Council Teacher Award, announced ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin.

In recognition of the honor, Brady will present a special program, "Amazed and Amused Discussion of Art and Life," at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 3 in the Vickers Fine Arts Center auditorium. The public is invited and there is no charge for admission.

Dr. Sutphin will serve as master of ceremonies for the annual event.

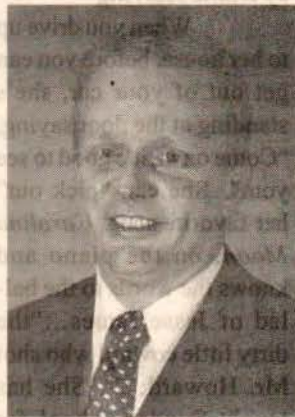
Brady said his presentation will focus on his art and teaching. The title reflects the two defining features of his work and how he seeks to maintain and showcase his "sense of wonderment and humor."

He also plans to show selected slides and discuss the stories, influences and struggles that influence the process of his art making.

Brady joined the ECCC faculty in August 2008 after previously serving as an adjunct instructor of art at Hinds Community College in Raymond and Belhaven University in Jackson.

In addition to his teaching duties on the Decatur campus, Brady serves as sponsor of the ECCC Student Art Association.

Brady received a bachelor's degree from Mississippi College, where he served as editor of the Arrowhead and president of Sigma Tau Delta. He earned both a master's degree in art education and a master's in fine arts with an emphasis in printmaking from the University of Mississippi. While at Ole Miss, he received a graduate assistantship and honor's fellowship. He was also presented the Graduate



Chris Brady

Student Achievement Award in Art and was named Outstanding Art Student of the Year.

In addition to his academic achievements, Brady has displayed his artwork through various venues. He has held 14 one-person shows, and his work has been selected into dozens of regional and national juried exhibitions, where he was awarded numerous Best of Show and purchase awards.

His 280-foot long print was featured in the 2009 Guinness Book of World Records as the world's longest woodblock print. He is sought after for commissions and his work hangs in public, corporate and private collections around Mississippi and the South.

Brady and his wife, LeAnne, reside in Ridgeland.

ECCC's Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for two-year colleges, will host a reception in the Fine Arts Center lobby following Brady's presentation.

The special recognition was made possible through a grant from the Mississippi Humanities Council.

For more information, contact Chris Brady at ECCC, 601-635-6229 or e-mail, cbrady@eccc.edu.

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M. Riley joins ECCC men's hoops staff

□ South Leake grad becomes assistant

Matt Riley is a recent addition to the East Central Community College men's basketball program, announced head coach Maurice Bowie.

Riley, who joined the ECCC Workforce Development Staff as CBJT Grant Coordinator in 2010, was a member of the Warriors' 1993 state championship squad, coached by Marty Cooper.

"It's an honor for me to serve in this role," said Riley, 38, who resides in Carthage. "This program has a rich basketball tradition, and I'm excited to

bring my winning attitude and experience to the program."

Coach Bowie said Riley is a "welcomed addition" to his staff.

"Coach Riley is a proven winner and a fierce competitor," said Bowie. "We are fortunate to have him on our staff."

Riley, a Walnut Grove native, had a stellar basketball career at South Leake High, where he was an All-State selection. During his senior season, Riley averaged nearly 20 points per game and led his team to the state finals in 1991. Riley was a reserve guard on South Leake's state championship team in 1990.

Riley, a highly recruited student-athlete, contin-

ued his athletic career at ECCC, where he played two seasons for Coach Cooper and was a starting guard on the 1993 state championship team.

After receiving an associate's degree from ECCC in 1993, Riley's athletic career continued at Mississippi Valley State University in Itta Bena, where he quickly developed a reputation as an outstanding defensive player and long-range three-point shooter.

Riley was also known for his persistent work ethic, leadership qualities and academic success.

Riley received a bachelor's degree in sociology from Mississippi Valley and has completed graduate hours at Delta State

University.

Riley comes from a family rich in basketball tradition.

His father, Barnett "Chief" Riley, helped develop basketball players in the Walnut Grove area and Leake County.

"Many of these players experienced successful high school and college careers, and several had the opportunity to play on the professional level," said the new Warrior assistant.

Riley said he also gained "valuable" experience from his brother, Coach Luther Riley, new men's head basketball coach at Alcorn State University. Prior to joining the ASU staff, Riley experienced success at

Provine High School, where he won several state titles during his 12-year coaching career. Luther Riley is also a former ECCC basketball standout.

Riley's sister, Maria Riley, was a member of the 1993-94 and 1994-95 Lady Warrior squads, coached by Sammy Pace.

Matt Riley is an active member of New Friendship M.B. Church. He is also active in the Leake County community, serving as a motivational speaker and mentor to young men.

He is married to the former Marie Cherry of Columbia. They have two children, Kymberli, 16, and Matthew, 11.



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Randy Houser to headline 'Army of Tom' event

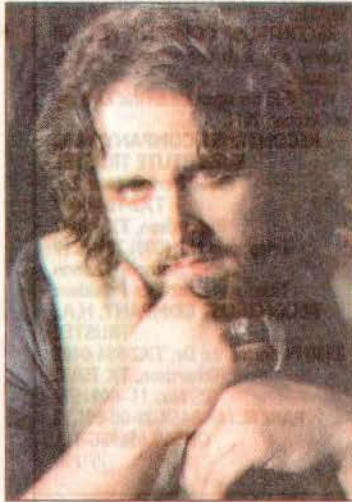
Music recording artist and Newton County native Randy Houser will headline a benefit concert for East Central Community College Director of Bands Thomas W. Carson Saturday, November 12, at the Neshoba County Coliseum in Philadelphia.

Houser, known for his hits "Anything Goes" and "Boots On," is a member of the East Central Community College Class of 1997 and is a former vocalist for the Collegians, ECCC's rock-n-roll band, which is led by Carson.

Concert events begin at 4 p.m. and include performances by local bands Remedy, Rico and the

Border Patrol, Cotton Row, Southbound and Deluxe Southern Impala. Houser concludes the show with the 9 p.m. feature performance.

Tickets are \$25 each, cash or check only, and the entry fee includes all five local bands as well as Houser. Tickets will be available for purchase beginning October 11 at all Citizens Bank of Philadelphia locations in the ECCC district, which includes Leake, Neshoba, Newton, Scott and Winston counties. Tickets will also be available at Mississippi Music in Meridian and in the



Randy Houser

ECCC Office of Public Information, located on the bottom floor of Huff Auditorium on the Decatur campus.

All proceeds will go to the Army of Tom

Benefit Fund, which has been established at The Citizens Bank of Philadelphia, to help defray the cost of medical and other expenses involved in Carson's treatments. Those who are not able to attend the concert can make donations directly to the account at any Citizens Bank location.

Carson, who has led the ECCC Band Department for 30 years and also serves as Chairman of the Division of Fine Arts, was recently diagnosed with esophageal cancer and is currently taking chemotherapy and radiation treatments.

EC alumnus and former Collegian member Grant Morris and Vicki Blaylock, ECCC music keyboard instructor/choir director, organized the musical

event.

"Grant called me and asked my thoughts about a benefit on campus and I already had the same thing on my mind. We began to put our heads together and got things started and then we just ran with it," Blaylock said. "It's been the most rewarding thing I've ever done in my life. In the 30 years Tom has been director of bands at East Central, thousands of students have crossed

paths with him. We wanted to do this for him because he has given so much to others—to my child, to other students and to this community. I can't remember a time he has said no to anyone."

Morris added, "Each of these bands has at least one former Collegian member participating. They were all very excited about being able to participate and help Mr. Carson."

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Dr. Danny Lanier (center) of Little Rock was recently reappointed to the East Central Community College Board of Trustees. Dr. Lanier, shown with interim Board Chairman Dr. Jimmy Hollingsworth (left) of Lake and ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin following the October 2011 meeting in Decatur, previously served on the ECCC Board from 1999-2006. Dr. Lanier serves as Senior Pastor of Northcrest Baptist Church in Meridian, a position he has held since January 2009. He spent the previous 25 years in vocational evangelism. Dr. Lanier began his Evangelistic ministry in 1984 and has preached more than 1,100 revival meetings and crusades across America. Along with his work in the ministry, Dr. Lanier has recorded 15 Southern Gospel tapes and six compact discs. A graduate of Clarke College in Newton, he attended Mississippi College and the Southern Baptist School for Biblical Studies in Jacksonville, Fla., and Covington Theological Seminary in Rossville, Ga., graduating with a Doctor of Ministry degree. In 2001, he was awarded the Doctor of Divinity degree from The Southern Baptist School for Biblical Studies. He is married to the former Janet Denise Lyle and they have two sons, Justin and Micah

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East Central Community College Director of Bands Thomas W. Carson (center) holds a new Fender electric guitar presented and signed by members of several bands who entertained at a benefit for Carson Saturday. Also pictured are (from left) Grant Morris, a member of Remedy who made the presentation on behalf of band members and was also one of the organizers for the benefit concert; Houser; Grayson Timidaiki and Jennifer Carson; Tom Carson and his wife Brenda, holding granddaughter Isabella Carson, daughter of Christopher and Wendy Carson; and Jeremy Carson.



ECCC PHOTO

Lake native and country music star Randy Houser performed as the headline entertainer on Saturday for a concert benefit for East Central Community College Director of Bands Tom Carson who is battling cancer.

Concert raises \$10K for Tom Carson

Lake native
Randy Houser
performs among
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PHILADELPHIA — Country music star Randy Houser performed one of his many hits during a benefit concert held Saturday, November 12 at the Neshoba County Coliseum in Philadelphia.

Tom Fund, designated to assist Carson with medical and other expenses in his battle with esophageal cancer.

Houser, who recently signed a contract with Stoney Creek Records, expressed his appreciation to Carson — who attended the concert with family members — for his “encouragement and inspiration” in convincing Houser to not only attend college, but to further develop his musical talents which has led to a successful career in country

the Wall O’ Sound Marching Band.

Also performing for the benefit concert were area bands Cotton Row, South Bound, Deluxe Southern Impalas, Remedy, and Rico and the Border Patrol.

Several band members are ECCC alumni and former members of the Collegians.

Grant Morris, a member of Remedy and a former Collegian, presented Carson with a Fender electric guitar on behalf of and

The concert was designed as a benefit for East Central Community College Director of Bands Thomas W. Carson.

Houser, a Lake native

signed by all band members.

Carson, who recently completed six weeks of radiation and chemotherapy to battle the cancer, is scheduled for surgery on December 1.

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(AT RIGHT) Several music groups performed for the concert benefit held Saturday for Tom Carson. Many of the groups’ members are former ECCC students and many of Carson’s own students.

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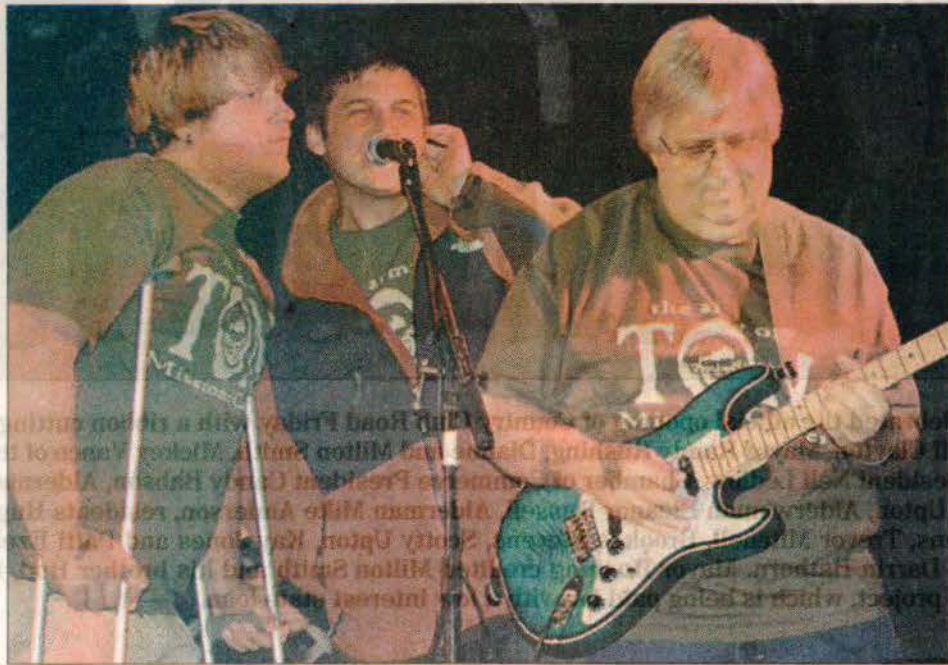


ed his time and talents to perform at the concert, which raised approximately \$10,000 for the Army of

Houser was also a vocalist for the ‘Round Midnight blues group and the Ac’-cents, the College’s show choir, and was a member of

Once a Collegian...Always a Collegian

Houser helps 'Army of Tom'



Saturday's benefit concert for Tom Carson turned into a family affair when his sons, Jeremy and Chris, joined Tom during the finale for the Collegian's favorite closer "Old Time Rock 'n' Roll", with help from daughter Jennifer and headliner Randy Houser, a Carson protege.

Houser, a Lake native and ECCC alumnus, donated his time and talents to perform at the concert, which raised approximately \$10,000

for the Army of Tom Fund, designated to assist Carson with medical and other expenses in his battle with esophageal cancer. Carson, who recently completed six weeks of radiation and chemotherapy to battle the cancer, is scheduled for surgery on December 1.

Also performing for the benefit concert were several bands, Cotton Row, South Bound, Deluxe Southern Impalas, Remedy, and Rico and the Border Patrol. Several band members are ECCC alumni and former members of the Collegians.



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ECCC Classes of 1957, 1958 & 1959 Hold Annual Reunion

Members of the East Central Community College classes of 1957, 1958, and 1959 met for their annual reunion during Homecoming activities held October 8 on the Decatur campus. Pictured are (front row, from left) Jeanette Thrash of Decatur, Carol Pace Henry and Lois Blount Cooper, both of Madison; Nancy Haggard of Clinton, Elsie Hollingsworth of Commerce, Ga.; and Carol Vickers of Decatur; (second row, from left) Larry Adcock of Lanett, Ala.; Rudy Woodruff of Marietta, Ga.; John Hollingsworth of Commerce, Ga.; Carl Hollingsworth of Decatur, Henry B. "Bubba" Hudspeth of Louisville and Richard Fulmer of Deatsville, Ala.; and (back row, from left) Mack Shelton of Pearl, Hank Moreau of Decatur, Willard May of Petal, Lyndolph White of Vicksburg, Donny Hopkins of Clinton and Betty Mott of Decatur. Also pictured is College president Dr. Phil Sutphin. (EC Photo)

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Sutphin retiring as ECCC leader

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DECATUR — Dr. Phil A. Sutphin informed the East Central Community College Board of Trustees Tuesday he plans to retire as the College's seventh president, effective June 30, 2012.

Dr. Sutphin, 65, began his service as president on July 1, 2000, after previously serving the College as Dean of Instruction and Dean of Students. He began his employment at ECCC in 1988.

In a letter read to Board members, Dr. Sutphin said his tenure at East Central "has been long and satisfying. Opportunities to do the things that I have done don't always come along and I have been fortunate to work in an area that I enjoy and to provide a useful service for our future generations."

He added, "However, my time is up and it is time for East Central to seek new leadership with an emphasis on the continued growth and results that the



Sutphin

College has experienced over its history. I thank each of you, the Board, the faculty, staff, students and alumni for allowing me the opportunity to serve over the last quarter of a century at a place as special as EC."

Dr. Jimmy Hollingsworth, interim Board of Trustees Chairman, expressed appreciation to Dr. Sutphin for his service to EC and wished him well in his retirement. The Board reluctantly accepted his resignation.

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ECCC Veterans' Day speaker

Randall E. Lee, vice president for student services at East Central Community College in Decatur, was guest speaker at a Veterans' Day luncheon/program held Friday, Nov. 11 in the McGee Gold Room of Mabry Memorial Cafeteria on the Decatur campus. Lee, a Lt. Col. in the U.S. Army, spoke of his 33 years of military service and expressed appreciation to all who serve the United States of America. Lee joined the Army at age 17, following in the footsteps of his father (Gene Lee), a retired Marine Gunnery Sgt. and veteran of the Vietnam Conflict. Lee said he was grateful "that the military has been one of my greatest educators and has prepared me for life's difficulties." Lee stated his military experience – although extensive – does not compare "to the horrors of war that many of our veterans who were lucky to come home may have faced; and to those who lost loved ones in war have faced...to those in these categories, I salute you...and thank you for your sacrifices." Lee concluded his remarks urging everyone "to stop and reflect on the sacrifices that so many gave....so that we may live in a great, free country as we do today." Also pictured are ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin and Vice President for Instruction Dr. Lavinia Sparkman. (EC Photo)

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Pam Harris Memorial Scholarship established at ECCC

DECATUR – A scholarship in memory of Pam Reeves Harris has been established at East Central Community College.

Harris was an educator for 28 years in the Newton County School District when she lost her battle with cancer in June 2008.

The Pam Harris Memorial Scholarship – when endowed – will be awarded by her immediate family during the annual ECCC/ AT&T Scholarship Awards Luncheon held during the summer.

Recipients will be selected by the College's Scholarship Committee from applicants who meet the following criteria:

- Newton County High School graduate.
- Education major attending ECCC.
- Minimum 2.5 GPA upon entering ECCC.
- Strong leadership qualities.
- Full-time ECCC student.

- Completed application form.
- Demonstrate financial need.

A Newton County native, Harris began her teaching career in 1978 at Hickory High School, but spent most of her career at Decatur High School as a special education instructor. Her passion was "to help children achieve success and happiness in all that they attempted." Her dedication and love for her students and co-workers "were obvious to those who knew her."

A graduate of Decatur High School, she attended ECCC for one year before transferring to Mississippi State University, where she received a bachelor's degree in special education in 1979.

She was married to Chris Harris for 30 years when she lost her battle with cancer in June 2005. They had three children, Kelli, Krissi and Cole.

For more information or to make a contribution to the Pam Reeves Harris Memorial Scholarship, contact Dr. Stacey Hollingsworth, executive



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director of foundation and alumni relations, (601) 635-6327 or e-mail shollings@eccc.edu

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Telecom and Information Systems Corp., based in Fairfax, Va. He is also a former electronics test technician at Raytheon Systems Inc. in Forest and was employed as network administrator at U.S. Motors in Philadelphia. Johnson's work experience also includes serving as an electronics technician as a member of the U.S. Army from 1996-2002.

A 1997 graduate of Newton County High School, Johnson continued his education at ECCC, where he earned associate of applied science degrees in electronic technology (2000), computer servicing technology (2001) and computer networking technology (2002).

Johnson's community involvement includes serving as a member of the Union Volunteer Fire Department.

He is married to the former Kelly Apperson of Union. His parents are Billy and Pam Johnson of Hickory.



Johnson

- Cory Johnson of Union was recently named Information Technology Technical Specialist at East Central Community College in Decatur.

Johnson, who joined the ECCC staff in October 2011, was previously employed as field service representative in Afghanistan for Mantech

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• DECATUR - The Rev. Dr. Danny Lanier of Little Rock was recently reappointed to the East Central Community College Board of Trustees. He previously served on the ECCC Board from 1999-2006.

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PLANNING ECCC'S 'FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE' PROGRAM



Submitted photo

These East Central Community College faculty and staff members are part of the College's Quality Enhancement Plan team (QEP), which has been busily making plans for the College's new "First Year Experience" program, a special effort to assist freshmen in their transition to college life. The Warrior Path to Success - the slogan for the FYE class - is designed to help students gain valuable techniques for a successful career. Offered online only, the one-hour credit course begins in the fall 2012 semester and will be required for all first-time, fulltime first semester students. Team members and their respective areas include (seated from left) Robin Fulton, math instructor; Amanda Walton, career-technical counselor; Dr. Lisa McMillin, computer science instructor; Judith Hurtt, business technology instructor; and Susan Fox-Smith, psychology instructor; (second row, from left) Mary Boulton, First Year Experience/Student Success Center director; Regena Boykin, assistant director for technology management; Melanie Pinter, practical nursing instructor; Misty Smith, English instructor; Roger Whitlock, dean of workforce education and development center; Carole Shackelford, QEP Chairman/English instructor; James Miller, dean of students; and Chris Brady, art instructor; and (back row, from left) Wayne Eason, director of workforce education; Dr. Chris Jenkins, dean of e-learning education; Randall E. Lee, vice president for student services; Maurice Bowie, men's head basketball coach; Sharon LeJeune, biology instructor; Jason Armstrong, English instructor; and Elizabeth Hebert, librarian I. The committee includes additional faculty and staff members and several students.

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ECCC reunion



1979, 1980 and 1981 ECCC Classes Hold Annual Reunion

Members of the East Central Community College classes of 1979, 1980, and 1981 met for their second annual reunion during Homecoming activities held October 8 on the Decatur campus. Pictured are (front row, from left) Florence Henley of Starkville, Sherri L. Farrell of Lewisville, Texas, and Debbie E. Kimbro of Gretna, La.; and (back row, from left) Barbara Green Henry of Carthage, Alexander Ealy of Morton and Kent Holdiness of Louisville. (EC Photo)

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ECCC class of 1951 reunites

Members of the East Central Community College Class of 1951 were among special groups recognized during Homecoming activities held recently, on the Decatur campus. Those attending included, seated, from left, Ruth Carter and Barbara Thaggard, both of Philadelphia; and back row, Lamar Weems of Jackson and Lucille Wood of Louisville. At right is college president Dr. Phil Sutphin. (EC Photo)

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East Central Community College President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin (second from left) presents a \$10,000 check to Thomas W. Carson, which represents net proceeds from a benefit concert held Saturday, Nov. 12 at the Neshoba County Coliseum in Philadelphia in honor of the longtime director of bands who is battling cancer. Country music star Randy Houser, an ECCC alumnus from Lake, headlined the concert, which also featured performances by several area bands, many of whom are former ECCC musicians. Also pictured are (from left) concert planning committee member Vicki Blaylock, choral director/music instructor; Carson's wife, Brenda, who serves the College as director of financial aid; and concert planning committee members Dr. Lavinia Sparkman, vice president for instruction; and Mickey Vance, vice president for business operations. Other committee members included Grant Morris of Philadelphia and ECCC staff members Luke Howell, Natalie Emmons, Joe Barrett, Maria McLeod, Artie Foreman and Bubby Johnston. (EC Photo)

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ECCC Board of Trustees Officers

Recently elected to lead the East Central Community College Board of Trustees the next two years are (from left) Dr. Jimmy Hollingsworth of Lake, chairman; Jerry Smith of Philadelphia, vice chairman; and Royce Shaw of Forest, secretary. Dr. Hollingsworth has served as interim board chairman since Sept. 2011 following the resignation of longtime chairman Prentice Copeland of Philadelphia, who continues to serve as a Board member. Smith is serving his first two-year term as vice chairman and Shaw begins his fifth term as secretary. Also pictured is ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin who announced plans to retire on June 30, 2012. Dr. Sutphin has led the two-year institution in Decatur since July 2000. (EC Photo)

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Hudson honored for ECCC Service

Delane Hudson (center) of Louisville displays a plaque he received for 15 years of service as a member of the East Central Community College Board of Trustees. Hudson was among several other trustees who were recognized for service at the annual meeting of the Mississippi Association of Community Colleges Trustees held earlier in July 2011 on the Gulf Coast. Also pictured are Board Chairman Dr. Jimmy Hollingsworth of Lake and ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin. The presentation



was made at the Dec. 13, 2011, meeting on the Decatur campus.

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ECCC Football Players Continuing Careers

Continuing their athletic careers on the university level are the above East Central Community College football players who signed national letters of intent during a ceremony held Wednesday, Dec. 15, 2010, on the Decatur campus. Seated from left are offensive lineman Alaric Keams (6-3, 295), a product of Choctaw Central High School, who signed with Northwestern Oklahoma State University; defensive back Gabe Loper (6-4, 195) of Newton County High School, University of South Alabama; wide receiver Fabian Johnson (5-10, 180) of Coahoma County High School in Clarksdale, University of North Alabama; and wide receiver Radarious Owens (5-11, 180) of Quitman, University of North Alabama. Standing from left are signees' family members, Ty Keams (father); Elijah Loper (nephew), Galathia Loper (sister) and Mamie Walker (aunt); and Warrior head football coach Brian Anderson. (EC Photo)

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Khalid Wilson, a defensive standout the past two seasons at East Central Community College, signed a letter-of-intent with Southern Miss during National Signing Day on Wednesday. At right is ECCC head football coach Brian Anderson, who said of the future Golden Eagle: "Khalid is one of the most mature young men I have ever coached."

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ECCC signs scholarships with several area football players

By STEVE SWOGETINSKY
Sports Editor

The 2011 East Central Community College football team will have some familiar faces on its 2011 roster.

Five members of the Neshoba Central Rockets have signed to play for the Warriors as have two Philadelphia Tornadoes, one from Union and one from Leake Academy.

Those players from Neshoba Central who signed with East Central were defensive lineman Jacob Gilbert, offensive lineman Dustin Tubby, running back Martin Wilson, and defensive backs Terrance Steele and Dillan Warren.

Philadelphia's Jeremy Morgan signed as a linebacker and Bobby Boler signed as a end.

Union's Forzetra Ealy signed as a running back and Dylan Alford of Leake Academy inked as a kicker.

In all, the Warriors signed 47 high school seniors on National Signing Day last Wednesday.

"This was our first full recruiting season here at East Central, and I'm very pleased with the results," said the second-year head coach Brian Anderson. "We not only focused our efforts on football players but good people and good families. I cannot emphasize character enough as we try to build a program here at East Central Community College. We (coaches and players) are very hungry for 'Warrior Football' to be a winner."

Also joining the Warriors in 2011 are quarterback Shelby Moseley of Southeast Lauderdale; running back Jabir

Stephens and linebacker Trey Wynn, both of Tuscaloosa Hillcrest (Ala.); defensive back Ben Brooks, Northeast Lauderdale; running back Terrance Dentry and offensive lineman Park Stevens, both of New Hope; Brock Hall and defensive lineman Josh Martin, both of Tuscaloosa Bryant (Ala.); linebacker Joey Hamilton, Tuscaloosa Northridge (Ala.); linebacker Tarus White, defensive lineman LaKenneth Weidman and wide receiver/defensive back Demetri Sheppard, all of South Leake; offensive lineman Alexander Lee, Newton County; offensive lineman Brandon Milner, Pillow Academy (Greenwood);

Wide receiver/defensive back Steven Gray and running back/defensive back Freeman

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Gray, both of Tunica Academy; linebacker Courtney Mitchell, Oak Grove; quarterback Mitch Manley, Pittsburg (Tex.); offensive linemen Paul Kuirman and Remund Jackson and defensive lineman Vod Lucious, all of Tuscaloosa County (Ala.); linebacker Austin Conn and defensive end/tight end Zack Conn, both of Mize; wide receiver Cameron Stowe, Forest; defensive back Tim Oster, Ocean Springs; wide receiver Keivondre Watford, Tuscaloosa Central (Ala.); wide receiver/defensive back Josh Montgomery, defensive back Za Reese and linebacker Larrin Kincaid, all of Morton; defensive back; linebackers Johnny Kight, Zack Vandevender and defensive back/wide receiver Dominique Carter, of all Nanih Waiya; defensive lineman Maha Bradford, defensive back Joe Brown and offensive lineman Shaquille Patrick, all of Scott Central; and defensive lineman Parker Jones and punter Rob Moffitt, both of Winston Academy.

East Central's Warriors begin the 2011 campaign by traveling to Northeast Mississippi Community College Thursday, Sept. 1.

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SIGNING A LETTER OF INTENT WITH EAST CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE: Morton High School Senior Za Reese of Morton with his mother, Lora Reese, and MHS Head Football Coach Miles Porter.



SIGNING A LETTER OF INTENT WITH EAST CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE: Morton High School Senior Larrin Kincaid of Ludlow with his mother, Letha Kincaid, and MHS Head Football Coach Miles Porter.



SIGNING A LETTER OF INTENT WITH EAST CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE: Morton High School Senior Josh Montgomery of Morton with his mother, Roxanne Montgomery, and MHS Head Football Coach Miles Porter.

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Warriors sign record class of 47

East Central Community College head football coach Brian Anderson had a big smile on his face after reviewing the record number of players who signed letters of intent Wednesday, Feb. 2 on National Signing Day.

Anderson said he is "very pleased" that 47 high school standouts chose to continue their careers on the Decatur campus.

Among those signees were several players from area schools including one from Leake Academy and three each from South Leake and Scott Central.

"This was our first full recruiting season here at East Central, and I'm very pleased with the results," said the second-year head coach. "We not only focused our efforts on football players but good people and good families."

"I cannot emphasize character enough as we try to build a program here at East Central Community College. We (coaches and players) are very hungry for 'Warrior Football' to be a winner."

Included in the signing class was Leake Academy kicker/punter Dylan Alford who played a big role in the Rebels' advancement to the MAIS AA state championship



From Rebel to Warrior

Leake Academy kicker Dylan Alford, seated, chose to continue his football career with the East Central Warriors next fall on National Signing Day. He was

joined, from left, by grandmother Diane Alford, dad Thomas Cameron and LA coach Brian Pickens. Not pictured is his mother, Lisa Cameron.

game in November.

A trio of players from the MHSAA 1A playoff team from South Leake also agreed to take their talents to Decatur.

Those Wildcats were 6'1", 220-pound line-backer Tarus White; 6'5", 250-pounds defensive

lineman LaKenneth Weidman and 6'0", 190-pound wide receiver/defensive back Dimitri Shepard.

The Warriors also brought a trio of Scott Central Rebels into the fold.

Those Rebels included 6'3", 240-pound defensive

lineman Maha Bradford; 6'3", 180-pound defensive back Joe Brown; and 6'5", 230-pound offensive lineman Shaquille Patrick.

The Warriors will begin the 2011 campaign by traveling to Northeast Mississippi Community College on Sept. 1.

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National Signing Day



Signing day at South Leake

Three South Leake football standouts inked letters of intent to join the East Central Warriors on the gridiron next fall on Wednesday, Feb. 2. Dimitri Shepard, LaKenneth Weidman and Tarus White will join the largest recruiting class in ECCC's history. Pictured, from left, seated, are

Shepard, Shepard's sister Lawanda Triplett, Weidman, Weidman's mother Lilly Kimble, White and his mom Donna White. Standing in back are Wildcats coach Quentin Fairley and assistant coach Montrell Moore.

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Derick Walker and Terrance Evans from the Class of 2011 and Kevin Harris, NHS graduate 2009 and current ECCC student, signed football letters of intent on Wednesday, February 2, 2011. Derick and Kevin signed with Miles College, Birmingham, Alabama, and Terrance signed with Southwest Community College, Summit, MS. Pictured are: Front Row: Derick Walker, son of Leon and Teresa Lawson, Terrance Evans, son of Anthony and Karen Morgan, and Kevin Harris, son of Kenny and Karen Harris. Back row: Sherrod Miller, NHS principal, Leon and Teresa Lawson, Karen and Anthony Morgan, Karen and Kenny Harris, Head Football Coach Ed Stanley, and Athletic Director Crandal Porter.

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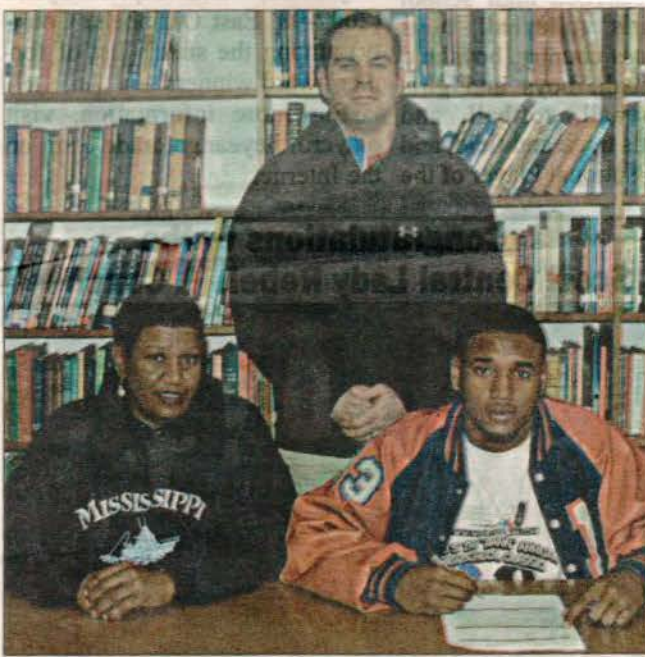
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Forest's Cameron Stowers signed a National Letter of Intent last month to play football for East Central Community College. He was recruited for the receiver position. He is joined with his mother, Cassandra Stowers, and Forest head football coach Judd Boswell. Cameron is the son of Darrell Stowers.

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Tough slate faces Warriors in 2011

By Marty Stamper

Appeal Sports Editor

One thing is for certain for the East Central Community College Warriors in 2011, there are no breathers on their



football schedule.

EC opens with three non-division contests before launching MACJC South Division play on September 22.

The Warriors kick off their 2011 season at Booneville against Northeast Mississippi on September 1.

EC's home opener is set for September 8 with Northwest Mississippi coming to Decatur.

On September 15, the Warriors travel to Fulton to take on Itawamba.

League play begins on September 22 with EC playing host to Pearl River.

The Warriors travel to Raymond on September 29 to take on Hinds.

Homecoming is set for October 8 in Decatur with EC playing host to Gulf Coast.

On October 15, EC ventures to Ellisville to face Jones.

The Warriors' home finale

is set for October 20 against Copiah-Lincoln.

EC wraps up its regular season on October 27 with a trip to Summit to play Southwest Mississippi.

EC finished 2-7 last year with wins over Hinds and Jones.

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ECCC looking for good

by Daniel Rigdon

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East Central Community College head coach Brian Anderson is excited about what is to come for his football team this season. And why shouldn't he be with 2011 marking the first time the third-year coach has had a team made up of entirely his own recruits.

Anderson was tabbed as the interim head coach in 2009 before having the interim tag removed last year.

"I think that it's important to us because it's our first year as a staff going through an entire recruiting season from start to finish," said Anderson. "Every player we have is one that this staff has recruited. I think we were able to get not only good players, but good people. I think our character has improved. I think these guys are going to gel."

In 2010, the Warriors enjoyed great success on both the offensive

and defensive side of the ball. ECCC ranked fourth in total offense and second in total defense in the MACJC and in the top 20 nationally.

However, East Central still stumbled to a 2-7 record despite being close in almost every contest.

Costly turnovers and a sub-par special teams unit plagued the Warriors throughout the season. That is something that Anderson has spent a lot of time rectifying during recruiting and summer practices.

"We weren't consistent in special teams last year," added Anderson.

"The thing that excites me about this year's team is that when you play well both offensively and defensively you give yourself a chance to win. When you can't do it in the kicking game you are going to come up short in a lot of games. We've got a good punter this year, as good as any in the league in Rob Moffett and our kicker Dylan

2010 record: 2-7
2010 finish: Lost 20-15 to Southwest Mississippi in regular season finale
Head coach: Brian Anderson (second year, 2-7)
League: MACJC South Division



Anderson

2011 schedule

Sept. 1	at Northeast
Sept. 8	Northwest
Sept. 15	at Itawamba

Alford, we are pleased with. They are better than good at both of those positions so we are excited about special teams.

"Absolutely turnovers were a big factor in how we fared last year. That is a big thing we had to address. That's a mental thing and a taking care of the football thing. I think we have a quarterback this

WARRIORS AT A GLANCE

Sept. 22	Pearl River
Sept. 29	at Hinds
Oct. 8	Gulf Coast
Oct. 15	at Jones County
Oct. 20	Co-Lin
Oct. 27	at Southwest

2010 results

Northeast Mississippi	6-34
Northwest Mississippi	26-41
Itawamba	14-21
Pearl River	13-44
Hinds	37-35
Mississippi Gulf Coast	16-42
Jones County	24-14

year that's going to be that coach on the field and understand those situations and the things that you've got to do and the things that you can't do."

The quarterback the Warriors will look to for leadership is freshman Mitch Manley, who takes over the reins from starter Blake Matherne, who departed for Mary

Paula Merritt/The Meridian Star
 East Central Community College running back Brandon Willis, a former Philadelphia star, eyes running room last season.



things

Copiah-Lincoln	35-42
Southwest Mississippi	15-20

Last 10 years

2010	2-7
2009	2-7
2008	4-5
2007	2-7
2006	2-7
2005	3-4
2004	4-5
2003	2-7
2002	3-6
2001	6-4

10-year record: 30-59

Hardin Baylor. Manley was a pre-season All-State selection his senior year in Texas.

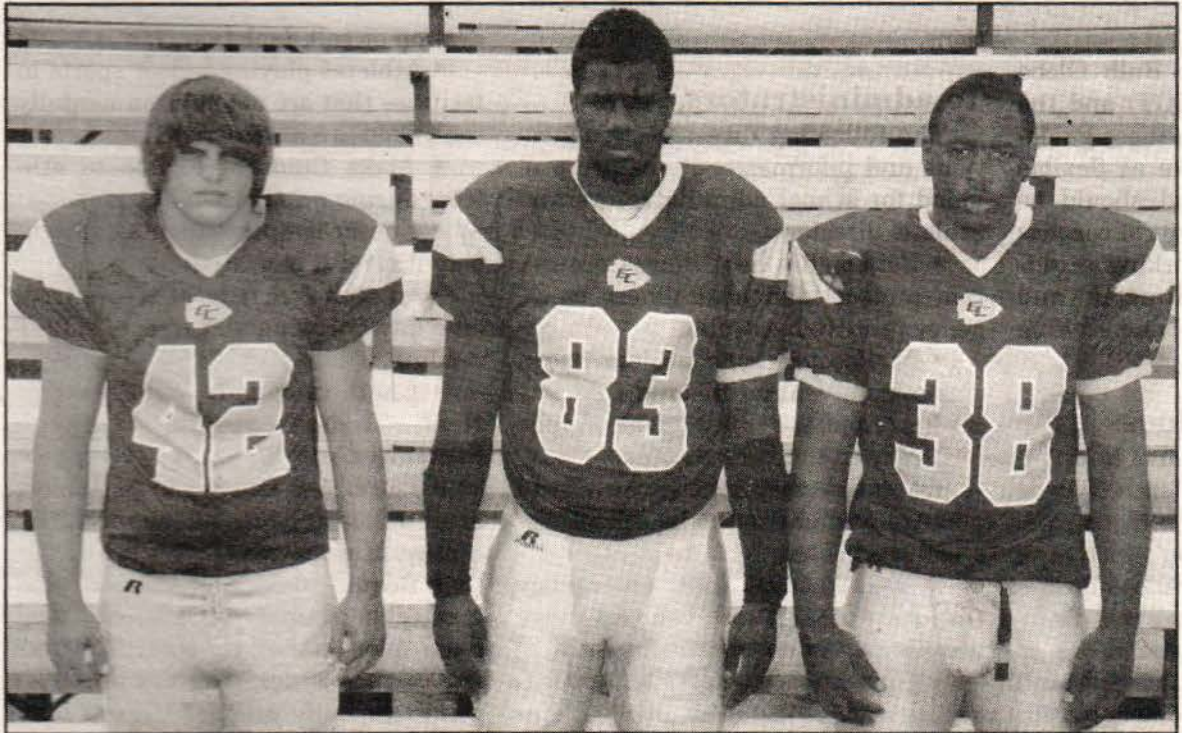
Manley will look to returning wideouts Reggie Hall and Corey Collier to be his biggest targets through the air. Hall will also handle kickoff and punt return duties.

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These former football standouts from Leake County are members of the 2011 East Central Community College Warrior squad. From left are kicker Dylan Alford (42) of Leake Academy, and defensive lineman LaKenneth Weidman (83) and linebacker Taurus White (38), both of South Leake. (EC Photo)

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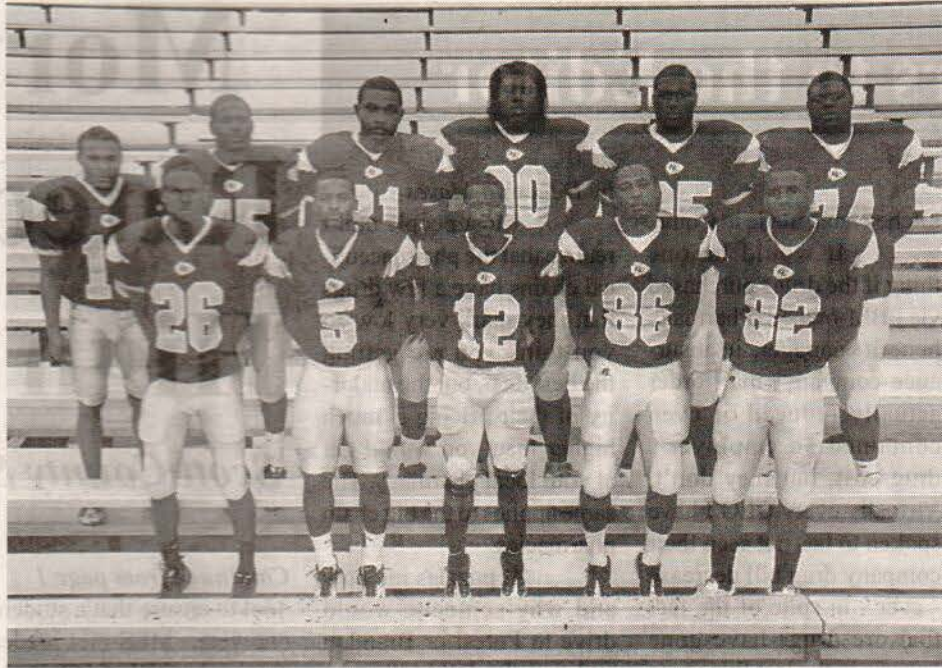
Neshoba County 'Warriors'

These former football standouts from Neshoba County are members of the 2011 East Central Community College Warrior squad. Front row, from left, are defensive back Georgio Grace (21) of Philadelphia, linebackers Martin Wilson (19) of Neshoba Central and Jeremy Morgan (18) of Philadelphia; and back row, are offensive linemen Dustin Tubby (71) and Justin Kilpatrick (73) and defensive lineman Jacob Gilbert (94), all of Neshoba Central. The Warriors are led by third-year head coach Brian Anderson.

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Scott County 'Warriors'

These former football standouts from Scott County are members of the 2011 East Central Community College Warrior squad. Pictured are (first row, from left) cornerback Za Reese (26) of Morton, running back LaVadius Lyles (5) of Forest, wide receiver Deonte' Harper (12) of Morton, defensive back Jimmie Broomfield (86) of Scott Central and wide receiver Cameron Stowers (82) of Forest; and (back row, from left) defensive back Larrin Kincaid (16) of Morton, linebacker Chris Ficklin (45) and defensive lineman Maher Bradford (81), both of Scott Central; defensive linemen Bradley Dorsey (90) of Morton and Darnell Hughes (95) of Forest, and offensive lineman Shaquille Patrick (74) of Scott Central. The Warriors are led by third-year head coach Brian Anderson. (EC Photo)

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ECCC has 'all the parts' for success

Now in his third year as East Central Community College's head football coach, Brian Anderson can finally say "his" Warriors will take the field for the 2011 campaign, which begins Thursday, Sept. 1, at Northeast Mississippi Community College in Booneville.

Anderson, who joined the ECCC staff in 2008 as offensive coordinator, was named interim head coach the following season and "officially" took over the program prior to the 2010 campaign.

A former successful coach on the high school level, Anderson said improvement has been made each season, as the Warriors were ranked among the top offensive and defensive squads in the state and nation.

"Each year has been part of a building process," Anderson explained. "This is our first year having 100 percent of our recruits on the team, which makes this season very special for us. We're going to be young, however, with a lot of first-year players - transfers as well as freshmen - and several returning sophomores. So we are going to have a good mix of talent on the squad, which I think is important for success."

Although the Warriors have "statistically" been successful on offense and defense, Anderson said "inconsistent" special teams - along with turnovers and injuries - led to back-to-back 2-7 campaigns. The Warriors were winless in the MACJC South Division in 2009 but improved to 2-4 last season.



ANDERSON

"Statistically, we have been very competitive on both sides of the ball," said Anderson, referring to the success of the 2010 squad, which finished fourth in total offense and second in total

defense in the MACJC and placed in the top 20 in both categories nationally. "But there are three phases to a football game - offense, defense and special teams - and we have not been consistent with our special teams."

Offensively, Anderson expects success to continue in piling up chunks of yardage, even though a first-year quarterback will once again be at the helm.

The Warrior offense was led last year by freshman Blake Matherne, who completed 122 of 226 passes for 1,652 yards and nine scores in 2010. He averaged 182.4 yards per contest. Matherne, product of Belle Chase High School in New Orleans, is continuing his career at Mary

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East Central WARRIORS

Sept. 1 @ Northeast

Sept. 8 vs. Northwest

Sept. 15 @ Itawamba

Sept. 22 vs. Pearl River

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Hardin Baylor in Texas.

Taking the reins for this year's squad is freshman Mitch Manley, a product of Pittsburg (TX) High School. Manley (6-5, 216) received All-District honors for three consecutive years and was a pre-season All-State selection his senior season.

"Mitch has the talent and leadership ability to successfully lead the offense," said Anderson. "Mitch is very cerebral....he understands situations and can manage those situations into successful outcomes. He is very good at reading defenses and making the necessary adjustments to execute a play. We are looking for great things from Mitch and the offense this season."

Anderson said Manley will have a talented corps of receivers from which to choose, including top returnees Reggie Hall (5-9, 170), a product of Neville High School in Monroe, La., and Corey Collier (6-3, 205) of Tuscaloosa (Ala) County High School.

Hall is the top returnee with 29 receptions for 355 yards and one touchdown. He is considered one of the fastest receivers in the MACJC and is also a dangerous return specialist. He was ranked in the top 25 nationally in kickoff and punt returns. Hall may also be called on to play a role on the Warrior defensive unit.

Collier is a bigger target at 6-3 and is considered one of the stronger players on the team. He has a good combination of speed to go with his strength.

in Texas in 2009. The same year he was named to the Parade All-American, U.S. All-American and Texas All-State squads. In addition, he received All-State and All-District honors for 2007, 2008 and 2009.

Lyles helped lead the Bearcats to a perfect 2010 season capped by the State 3A Championship. An All-State and All-District selection, Lyles was also named the most valuable offen-

sive player in 3A his senior season and was selected Class 2A Player of the Year as a junior.

Anderson also considers Lyles the top running back as preseason workouts get under way.

"Lavadius is a little further along (at running back) than anyone else right now," said Anderson. "He is a very sharp kid and can do multiple things. We are excited to have him in

our offense."

Stowers was also a key member of the state champion Bearcat squad and earned All-State honors.

Watford previously signed with the University of Southern Mississippi and is also a welcomed addition to the receiving corps.

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"Reggie and Corey can be dangerous," said Anderson. "Reggie is a slot guy who can run and make plays. And Corey is a tough, physical receiver."

Also expected to see action at receiver are returnees Deonte' Harper (5-8, 165) of Morton; and Zach Pendleton (6-3, 185) of Forest Hill, and freshmen Greg Timmons (6-3, 208) of Eisenhower High School in Houston, TX; Lavadius Lyles (5-8, 180) and Cameron Stowers (6-2, 194), both of Forest; KeiVondre Watford (6-4, 220) of Tuscaloosa (Ala.) Central High School; and Brock Hall (6-3, 200) of Paul W. Bryant High School in Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Timmons, who sat out the 2010 campaign, was rated the top receiver

...is a two-time recipient of most valuable player honors.

Anderson is also pleased with the offensive line.

"Up front offensively we are huge...bigger than what we have been," he said. "Bigger does not always mean better, however....but we do have great size."

Top returnees on the offensive line include Tate Rogers (6-1, 280) of Louisville, who will start at center; and tackle Andre Lucious (6-1, 315) of Tuscaloosa County (Ala.) High School. They were part of an offensive line that helped the squad average 176.7 rushing yards per contest.

Anderson said he is "most excited" about the defense, which last year was ranked second overall in the MACJC, allowing 279.2 yards per contest.

"We have some huge guys up front...and we don't expect them to get pushed around," he said.

Some of the "huge guys" on defense include Darnell Hughes (6-6, 350) of Forest, Bradley Dorsey (6-6, 385) of Morton, and recent addition, Semisi Tupou (6-5, 419) of Orange High School in Long Beach, Calif.

"We've not had players of that size and statue since I've been here," said Anderson.

In addition to the defensive players mentioned, Anderson said other standouts include ends LaKenneth Weidman (6-5, 233) of South Leake and Vondrick Lucious (6-6, 270) of Tuscaloosa County; tackle Calvin Smith (6-1, 302) of Newton County; linebackers Ricky Cavanaugh (6-2, 215) of LBJ High School in Austin, TX, Darius Wren (5-10, 208) of West

Lauderdale and honorable mention All-American Chris Ficklin of Scott Central; and secondary members Dennis Thames (6', 188) of Louisville, a transfer from Mississippi State University; Jonathan Scott (6-5, 190) of Seabreeze High School in Daytona Beach, FL, formerly with the University of West Virginia; and Ben Brooks (5-9, 175) of Northeast Lauderdale.

Weidman was named to the first team All-State and All-District squads.

Ficklin led the state in total tackles with 126 and placed second in the nation. In addition to All-American

recognition, he was named All-Region 23 and first team MACJC All-State.

"Chris is a player," said Anderson. "He makes tackles from sideline to sideline."

Thames was included in The Clarion-Ledger's Dandy Dozen in 2008 prior to signing with MSU.

Smith's honors include All-State and All-Division.

Scott received All American honors in high school and was also an All-State selection. He was chosen central Florida's top defensive back in 2009.

Brooks received first team All-State and All-District honors and was named District Defensive Back of the

"Chris (Ficklin) is a player. He makes tackles from sideline to sideline."

--Brian Anderson

Year. Returnees Jimmie Broomfield (5-11, 190) of Scott Central and Za Reese (6', 155) of Morton are among contenders at cornerback.

"Our secondary should be very, very good," said Anderson.

Anderson said this year's special teams will be much improved with the addition of punter Rob Moffitt of Winston Academy and kicker Dylan Alford of Leake Academy.

"We've not had a punter like Rob or a kicker like Dylan since I've been here," said Anderson. "These two guys will make a huge impact on our team this year."

Moffitt (5-11, 205) received All-State and All-Star honors in 2010 and is a three-time All-Conference selection.

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"Rob averaged in excess of 42 yards per punt, which is a great average at any level," Anderson said. "His average will probably soar since he will only be punting and not playing other positions like he did in high school."

Alford (6', 210), was a first team All-Conference



from the 30 yard line in college (instead of the 40), so we don't expect 90 percent of his kicks to land in the end zone. But nevertheless he has a great foot and will be a

tremendous asset for our special teams, as will Rob."

Members of Coach Anderson's staff include Blake Frazier, defensive

selection

last season and received honorable mention honors in 2009.

"Dylan had 48 touchbacks last season, which was a remarkable accomplishment," said Anderson. "Of course he'll be kicking off

coordinator;

Derek Pouncey, defensive line; Keith Houston, defensive backs; Kyle Watson, offensive line; and first-year assistant Antwone Courington, wide receivers. Anderson also serves as offensive coordinator.

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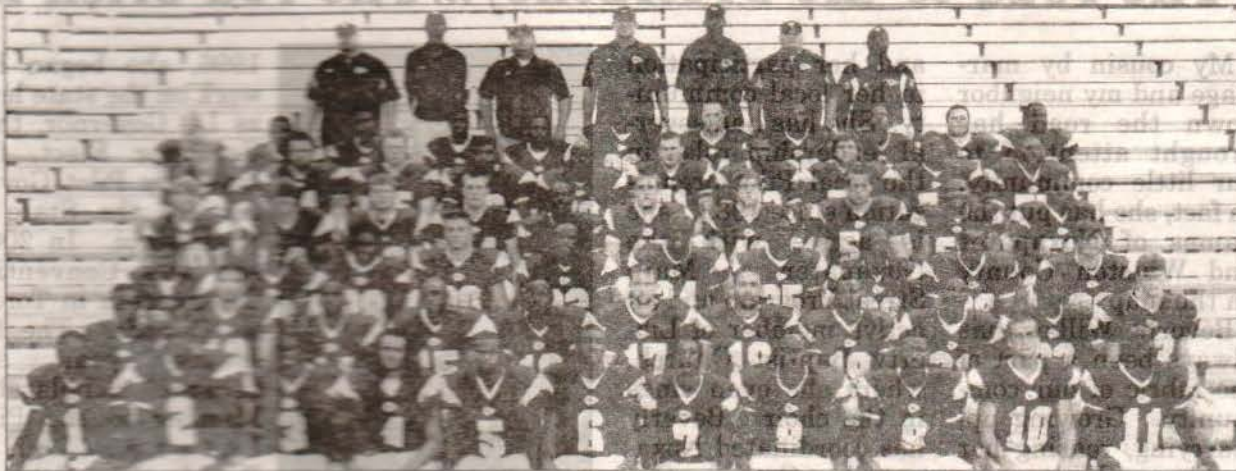
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ECCC Warriors



Members of the 2011 Warrior football team at East Central Community College in Decatur and their respective high schools include (front row, from left, strong safety Dennis Thames (1), Louisville; wide receiver KeVondre Watford (2), Tuscaloosa Central; defensive back Jonathan Scott (3), Seaside (Dayton Beach, Florida); wide receiver Corey Collier (4), Tuscaloosa County; running back Lavadius Lyles (5), Forest; wide receiver Zach Pendleton (6), Forest Hill; wide receiver/defensive back Reggie Hall (7), Neville (Monroe, LA); wide receiver Greg Timmons (8), Eisenhower (Houston, Texas); wide receiver Brock Hall (9), Paul W. Bryant (Tuscaloosa, AL); quarterback Jesse Blakenore (10), The Vertus School (Ridgeland); and linebacker Ricky Cavanaugh (11), LBJ (Austin, Texas); (second row, from left) wide receiver Deonte Harper (12), Morton; quarterback Mitch Manley (13), Pittsburg (Leesburg, Texas); defensive back Ben Brooks (14), Northeast Lauderdale; linebacker Darius Wren (15), West Lauderdale; running back Ike Cherry (16), Gautier; quarterback Shelby Moseley (17), Southeast Lauderdale; linebacker Jeremy Morgan (18), Philadelphia; linebacker Martin Wilson (19), Neshoba Central; defensive back George Grace (21), Philadelphia; running back Jaabir Stephens (22), Hillcrest (Tuscaloosa, AL); and wide receiver/defensive back Freeman Gray (23), Tunica Academy; (third row, from left) defensive back Dominique Carter (24), Nanih Waiya; cornerback Za Reese (25), Morton; running back Terrance Dentry (28), New Hope (Columbus, MS); defensive back Tim Oster (30), Ocean Springs; linebacker Tyrone Williams (32), Thomasville (Georgia); defensive end Josh Martin (34), Paul W. Bryant (Tuscaloosa, AL); defensive back Stefan Fuller (35), Kemper County; linebacker Trey Wynn (36), Hillcrest (Tuscaloosa, AL); linebacker Tarus White (38), South Leake; and punter Rob Moffitt (39) Winston Academy; (fourth row, from left) linebacker Stephen Gray (40), Tunica Academy; kicker Dylan Alford (42), Leake Academy; linebacker Tyler Robinson (43), Newton County; linebacker Austin Conn (44), Mize; linebacker Chris Ficklin (45), Scott Central; linebacker Zach Conn (47), Mize; defensive end/tight end Parker Jones (48), Winston Academy; offensive lineman Tate Rogers (51), Louisville; offensive lineman Remund Jackson (52), Tuscaloosa County; and offensive lineman Paul Kinman (53), Tuscaloosa County; (fifth row, from left) offensive lineman Park Stevens (62), New Hope; offensive lineman Brandon Milner (64), Pillow Academy (Greenwood); offensive lineman Johnny Kight (65) and offensive lineman Mackenzie Lee (66), both of Nanih Waiya; offensive lineman Andre Lucious (70), Tuscaloosa County; offensive lineman Dustin Tubby (71), Neshoba Central; offensive lineman Bart Whigham (72), Northview (Dothan, AL); offensive lineman Justin Kilpatrick (73), Neshoba Central; offensive lineman Shaquille Patrick (74), Scott Central; and defensive lineman Semisi Tupou (75), Orange (Long Beach, CA); (sixth row, from left) wide receiver Ronnie McMillan (80), Tuscaloosa County; defensive end Maher Bradford (81), Scott Central; wide receiver Cameron Stowers (82), Forest; offensive lineman Lakenneth Weidmann (83), South Leake; defensive back/wide receiver Jimmie Broomfield (86), Scott Central; defensive lineman Bradley Dorsey (90), Morton; defensive lineman Jacob Gilbert (94), Neshoba Central; defensive lineman Darrell Hughes (95), Forest; defensive end Vondrick Lucious (96), Tuscaloosa County; defensive tackle Cody Parkes (97), Nanih Waiya; and defensive tackle Kelvin Smith (98) Newton County; and (back row, from left) coaches Kyle Watson (offensive line/special teams), Artwor Courington (wide receivers), Blake Frazier (defensive coordinator), Brian Anderson (head coach and offensive coordinator), Keith Houston (defensive backs), Derek Pouncey (defensive line) and Jarvis Cole (defensive intern). (EC Photo)

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ECCC ready for Northeast

from school reports

A mostly freshman squad will suit up for East Central Community College as the Warriors begin the 2011 campaign Thursday night at Northeast Mississippi Community College. Kickoff for the non-division battle is set for 7 p.m. on Booneville campus.

But the lack of experience is not necessarily a concern to Brian Anderson, now entering his third season as head football coach.

"We're young (only 12 returning starters) but also very talented...on both sides of the ball," said Anderson as his team prepares for the season opener. "We just need to minimize mistakes as our young team builds confidence. We are capable of being a very good football team."

Anderson said the Warriors obviously need to start the season on a positive note, and avenge last year's 34-6 season opening loss to the Tigers in Decatur.

"We still have a bad taste in our mouth from last year's loss," said Anderson, "especially after we beat them two years in a row (31-28 in OT and 38-7). We will be ready Thursday night...and I can promise you that!"

Getting the nod to lead the Warriors' spread offense - ranked among the top in the nation and state the past several years - is freshman quarterback Mitch Manley (6-5, 215), a product of Pittsburg (TX) High School. Manley was a three-time All-District selection and made the pre-season All-State team his senior year.

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Hall is the top returnee at wide receiver with 29 receptions for 355 yards and one touchdown. He is also considered one of the fastest return specialists in the MACJC. Hall was ranked in the top 25 nationally in kickoff and punt returns in 2010.

Anderson said the running game will be led by freshman LaVadius Lyles (5-8, 180), a 2009 graduate of Forest High School, where he received All-State and All-District honors. He was also named the most valuable offensive player in Class 3A his senior season and was chosen Class 2A Player of the Year as a junior. Lyles is a transfer from Northwestern State.

Top returnees on the offensive line include center Tate Rogers (6-2, 285) of Louisville and tackle Andre Lucious (6-1, 340) of Tuscaloosa County (Ala.) High School. They were part of an offensive line that helped the Warrior offense average 176.7 rushing yards per contest in 2010.

Anderson continues to be excited about the defense, which last year was ranked second overall in the MACJC, allowing 279.2 yards per contest. The defensive unit is led by sophomore linebacker Chris Ficklin (5-11, 185), an honorable mention All-American selection in 2010. Ficklin's 126 total tackles ranked first in the state and second nationally. He is a product of Scott Central High School.

Former Mississippi State University defensive back Dennis Thames (6', 190) of Louisville is also expected to make an impact at defensive back.

Anderson's coaching staff and areas of responsibility include Blake Frazier, defensive coordinator/linebackers; Kyle Watson, offensive line; Derek Pouncey, defensive line; Keith Houston, defensive backs; Jarvis Cole, running backs; and new staff member Antwon Courington, wide receivers. Anderson also serves as offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach.



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Mistakes costly to ECCC in opening loss

Turnovers proved costly for East Central Community College's Warriors who compiled more yardage and first downs but were outscored 40-27 by Northeast Mississippi Community College in the 2011 season opener Thursday night at Tiger Stadium in Booneville.

Freshman quarterback Mitch Manley put up

impressive numbers in his debut as the Warrior signal caller, completing 17 of 32 passes for 210 yards and three touchdowns.

However, the former standout from Pittsburgh (Texas) High School also threw three interceptions.

The Warrior offense also lost possession on five of seven fumbles.

The Warrior offense amassed 321 yards com-

pared to 204 for Northeast. EC had a 17-7 advantage in first downs.

The Warriors' second possession of the game resulted in points for Northwest, as a Tiger linebacker scooped up an EC fumble and raced 16 yards to pay dirt with 8:53 remaining in the opening stanza. Taylor Earhart of Olive Branch added the first of four PATS for a 7-0

advantage.

Northeast stretched its lead to 14-0 early in the second quarter when quarterback Bryan Steele of Olive Branch hooked up with receiver Donte' Barksdale of Southaven on a 65-yard scoring play.

East Central cut the lead to 14-7 on its next possession, thanks to a 46-yard TD strike from Manley to receiver

Jimmie Broomfield of Scott Central with 12:35 left before halftime. Carpenter added the PAT.

The Tigers added a safety and a field goal in the final moments of the first half to extend their lead to 26-7.

Third period action began with Northeast finding the end zone on a 14-yard fumble return from defensive back Devin

Lindsey of Baldwin with 12:53 left in the third quarter.

Now down 33-7, the Warriors rallied for two quick scores in the third stanza to get within 10 points of the host Tigers.

Broomfield finished with four receptions for 7 yards.

The Warriors host Northwest Thursday. Kickoff is set for 6:30 p.m.

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ECCC falls to No. 6 Northwest

By Marty Stampler

Special to the Star

DECATUR — To say Northwest Mississippi Community College merely dominated East Central Community College Thursday night might not be giving the Rangers all their props.

Not only did the Rangers, ranked No. 6 in this week's NJCAA poll, come away with a 42-19 victory, they ran 70 offensive plays to ECCC's 41 and outgained the Warriors by nearly 300 yards (426-127). Northwest also had 19 first downs to ECCC's six.

The Rangers needed just more than 10 minutes to grab a 14-0 lead. Marcus Henry scored on a 12-yard pass from Ryan Mossakowski and Lance Ray hauled in a 23-yard scoring toss from the University of Kentucky transfer with 4:56 left in the first quarter. Chase Carpenter booted the first two of his six extra points.



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ECCC got on the scoreboard when Chris Ficklin stripped Adrian Golden of the ball and raced 38 yards to the end zone with 3:22 remaining in the first half to pull the Warriors to within 14-6.

Northwest extended its lead to 21-6 when Golden scored on a 15-yard run with 11 seconds left in the first half. Golden had 11 carries for 94 yards in the win.

"They're No. 6 in the country for a reason," said EC coach Brian Anderson. "We made it 14-6 and had dropped a pass in the end zone."

"Our game plan was to try to run against those guys. They're very fast and very speedy. We're a lot bigger than they were and our plan was to run the ball. We turned some guys loose here and there and missed some big plays in the run game."

"We were running with nine (players) and they stopped it with seven. Those numbers you can't deny and if I had it to do over again I'd do the same thing. I thought we gave our kids a chance to win the ballgame."

"Give them credit, they made plays. It's all about players making plays."

"I was pleased that we didn't turn the ball over like we did last week."

ECCC had eight turnovers a week ago at Northeast Mississippi, but

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only had two against Northwest.

Northwest added a pair of touchdowns in the third quarter to go up 35-6.

Teshadi Talton scored on a 3-yard pass from Mossakowski and Dominique Harris added another on an 8-yard run with 8:43 left in the third period.

ECCC's Reggie Hall electrified

the home crowd with an 89-yard punt return to bring ECCC to within 35-12 with 14:44 left in the game.

Talton scored his second touchdown on a 22-yard pass from Mossakowski with 11:34 left. Talton finished with 100 yards on 15 carries and caught four passes for 30 yards. Mossakowski completed 14-of-24 passes for 161 yards.

ECCC got the final score on a

24-yard keeper by backup quarterback LaVadius Lyles with 6:33 to go. Jacob Carpenter added the PAT. Lyles led ECCC's ground game with 32 yards on three carries.

EC quarterback Mitch Manley was 5-of-19 for 78 yards. Hall had two receptions for 32 yards.

Ficklin led EC's defense with nine tackles. Tyler Robinson had eight.

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Turnovers doom Warriors in opening setback

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The Warrior offense amassed 321 yards compared to 204 for Northeast. EC had a 17-7 advantage in first downs.

Jacob Carpenter missed on a 44-yard field goal

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attempt on EC's first possession.

The Warriors' second possession resulted in points for Northeast as Tiger linebacker Cortney Sutton scooped up an EC fumble and raced 16 yards to pay dirt with 8:53 remaining in the opening stanza. Taylor Earhart added the first of four PATs for a 7-0 lead.

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Northeast's Tres Houston hauled in a 24-yard TD pass from quarterback Parks Frazier with 10:08 remaining until the break for a 21-7 lead.

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the final moments of the first half to extend their lead to 26-7.

The safety came when EC's Dennis Thames was tackled in the end zone with 1:25 left.

Earhart added a 20-yard field goal with five seconds left in the half following an EC fumble.

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The Warriors closed to within 33-20 with 7:51 remaining in the third quarter on a 26-yard run by Thames and a 28-yard pass from Manley to Reggie Hall.

Northeast pulled away, however, as Frazier and Markie Dukes combined talents on a 28-yard scoring pass play with 27 seconds left in the third stanza.

Manley added a 30-yard TD toss to Brock Hall with 11:29 left in the game.

EC had 111 yards rushing, led by Thames' six carries for 50 yards and Lavadius Lyles' nine carries for 50 yards.

Broomfield caught three passes for 77 yards.

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Mistakes costly in ECCC's 40-27 season opening loss to Northeast

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East Central began the non-division battle with an impressive game-opening drive, set up by Reggie Hall's 23-yard kickoff return to the Warrior 40. However the march stalled at the Northeast 26 and Jacob Carpenter's 44-

yard field goal attempt was unsuccessful. Hall is a product of Neville High School in Monroe, La., and Carpenter hails from Winona.

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Third period action began with Northeast finding the end zone on a 14-yard fumble return from defensive back Devin Lindsey of Baldwin with 12:53 left in the third quarter.

Now down 33-7, the Warriors rallied for two quick scores in the third stanza to get within 13 points of the host Tigers.

The first tally came on a 26-yard run by Thames, capping a 64-yard, six-play drive with 10:02 left. Key plays during the march included seven and four-yard runs by LaVadius Lyles of Forest and a 19-yard scamper by Manley. The PAT was



Dennis Thames (1) of Louisville earns positive yardage during East Central Community College's season-opening contest Thursday night at Northeast Mississippi Community College in Booneville. Thames, a sophomore, had six carries for 50 yards, which included a 26-yard TD run, in his debut as a Warrior.

not successful.

The second score was the result of a 28-yard scoring strike from Manley to Reggie Hall at the 7:51 mark. The score was set up by Broomfield's 18-yard punt return followed by a personal foul on the Tigers, which gave EC possession on the Northeast 26. Carpenter's PAT cut the lead to 33-20.

However, Northeast regained its three-score

advantage when Frazier and receiver Markie Dukes of Oxford combined talents on a 28-yard scoring pass play and a 40-20 advantage with 27 seconds left in the third stanza.

The final points on the scoreboard were added by EC following Manley's 30-yard TD toss to receiver Brock Hall with 11:29 left in the game. Hall is a product of Paul W. Bryant High School in

Tuscaloosa, Ala.

STATISTICS

East Central had 111 yards rushing, led by Thames's six carries for 50 yards and one score, and Lyles's nine carries for 50 yards.

On the receiving end of Manley's passes were Broomfield, three for 77 yards and one score; Reggie Hall, four for 36 yards and one score; Brock Hall, one for 28 yards and one score; Lyles, two for 25 yards; Deonte' Harper of Morton, two for 21 yards; Corey Collier of Tuscaloosa County, one for five yards; and Zach Pendleton, one for four yards.

Rob Moffit of Winston Academy had one punt for 39 yards.

Reggie Hall had two kickoff returns for 52 yards and Jerrell Priester of Fairfax (Virginia) High School had two kickoff returns for 51 yards. Broomfield returned one punt for 18 yards and a kickoff return for 32 yards.

Thames led the defense in tackles with four solo stops and one assist. Semisi Tupou of Orange (Calif.) High School had three tackles and one assist.

East Central looks to break habit of turnovers after loss to NECC

By Jamie Wachter

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It was déjà vu for East Central Community College last week. After a 2010 season that saw turnovers and special teams miscue cost the Warriors on a routine basis, the 2011 campaign began in much the same fashion. ECCC ran up 424 yards of offense, sixth in the MACJC, but fell to host Northeast Mississippi Community College 40-27 thanks to eight turnovers.



"If we turn it over just three or four times, we win by at least two scores," ECCC coach Brian Anderson said. "The good thing is our mistakes are fixable."

The Warriors will need to rectify that problem quickly as No. 6 Northwest Mississippi Community College visits Bailey Stadium for a 6:30 p.m. kickoff today. The Rangers, 1-0 after a 55-54 overtime win against Pearl River Community College last week, haven't lost to ECCC since 1997.



ECCC photo

Freshman quarterback Mitch Manley and the ECCC Warriors will be gunning for their first victory of the 2011 campaign when nationally ranked Northwest Mississippi Community College visits Bailey Stadium.

tral defense that is third overall, allowing just 199 yards per game, 175 passing. The Warriors' defense is led by returning honorable mention All-American Chris Ficklin at linebacker - eight tackles in the opener - and former West Lauderdale star Darius Wren, who had five

Since that 28-27 win, ECCC has lost 14-12 in 2004, 40-31 in 2003, 34-33 in overtime in 2002 to the Rangers and last year Northwest rallied from a one-point halftime deficit to down the Warriors 41-26.

"They're very athletic and their defense is faster," Anderson said. "Anytime you put up 55 points on Pearl River, you have a potent offense. Their top receiver is a transfer from Arkansas and he scored 28 points himself and the quarterback was very impressive."

"They are a very solid football team."

Leading that high-octane Northwest passing attack are quarterback Ryan Mossakowski and wide receiver Lance Ray. Mossakowski threw for 443 yards and five touchdowns, while rushing for two more, and Ray four catches for 153 yards and three scores while also returning a kick 84 yards for a touchdown. The Rangers, ranked second in passing offense and third in total offense will be matched with an East Cen-

stops.

ECCC's offense, meanwhile, is led by freshman quarterback Mitch Manley. The Texas native threw for 251 yards, including touchdowns to top targets Reggie Hall (four catches for 73 yards) and Jimmie Broomfield (three catches for 72 yards).

But ECCC still had those turnovers, three interceptions and losing five of seven fumbles. "Some of it was alignment and some was ball security," Anderson said. "If there was a cure, we wouldn't be turning it over. I can promise you that."

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ECCC Warriors Have 'All the Parts' for Successful Season

Now in his third year as East Central Community College's head football coach, Brian Anderson can finally say "his" Warriors will take the field for the 2011 campaign, which begins Thursday, Sept. 1, at Northeast Mississippi Community College in Booneville.

Anderson, who joined the ECCC staff in 2008 as offensive coordinator, was named interim head coach the following season and "officially" took over the program prior to the 2010 campaign.

A former successful coach on the high school level, Anderson said improvement has been made each season, as the Warriors were ranked among the top offensive and defensive squads in the state and nation.

"Each year has been part of a building process," Anderson explained. "This is our first year having 100 percent of our recruits on the team, which makes this season very special for us. We're going to be young, however, with a lot of first-year players - transfers as well as freshmen - and several returning sophomores. So we are going to have a good mix of talent on the squad, which I think is important for success."

Although the Warriors have "statistically" been successful on offense and defense, Anderson said "inconsistent" special teams - along with turnovers and injuries - led to back-to-back 2-7 campaigns. The Warriors were winless in the MACJC South Division in 2009 but improved to 2-4 last season.

strength.

"Reggie and Corey can be dangerous," said Anderson. "Reggie is a slot guy who can run and make plays. And Corey is a tough, physical receiver."

Also expected to see action at receiver are returnees Deonte Harper (5-8, 165) of Morton; and Zach Pendleton (6-3, 185) of Forest Hill, and freshmen Greg Timmons (6-3, 208) of Eisenhower High School in Houston, TX; Lavadius Lyles (5-8, 180) and Cameron Stowers (6-2, 194), both of Forest; KeiVondre Watford (6-4, 220) of Tuscaloosa (Ala.) Central High School; and Brock Hall (6-3, 200) of Paul W. Bryant High School in Tuscaloosa, Ala. Timmons, who sat out the 2010 campaign, was rated the top receiver in Texas in 2009. The same year he was named to the Parade All-American, U.S. All-American and Texas All-State squads. In addition, he received All-State and All-District honors for 2007, 2008 and 2009.

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"Statistically, we have been very competitive on both sides of the ball," said Anderson, referring to the success of the 2010 squad, which finished fourth in total offense and second in total defense in the MACJC and placed in the top 20 in both categories nationally. "But there are three phases to a football game – offense, defense and special teams – and we have not been consistent with our special teams."

Offensively, Anderson expects success to continue in piling up chunks of yardage, even though a first-year quarterback will once again be at the helm.

The Warrior offense was led last year by freshman Blake Matherne, who completed 122 of 226 passes for 1,652 yards and nine scores in 2010. He averaged 182.4 yards per contest. Matherne, product of Belle Chase High School in New Orleans, is continuing his career at Mary Hardin Baylor in Texas.

Taking the reins for this year's squad is freshman Mitch Manley, a product of Pittsburg (TX) High School. Manley (6-5, 216) received All-District honors for three consecutive years and was a pre-season All-State selection his senior season.

"Mitch has the talent and leadership ability to successfully lead the offense," said Anderson. "Mitch is very cerebral...he understands situations and can manage those situations into successful outcomes. He is very good at reading defenses and making the necessary adjustments to execute a play. We are looking for great things from Mitch and the offense this season."

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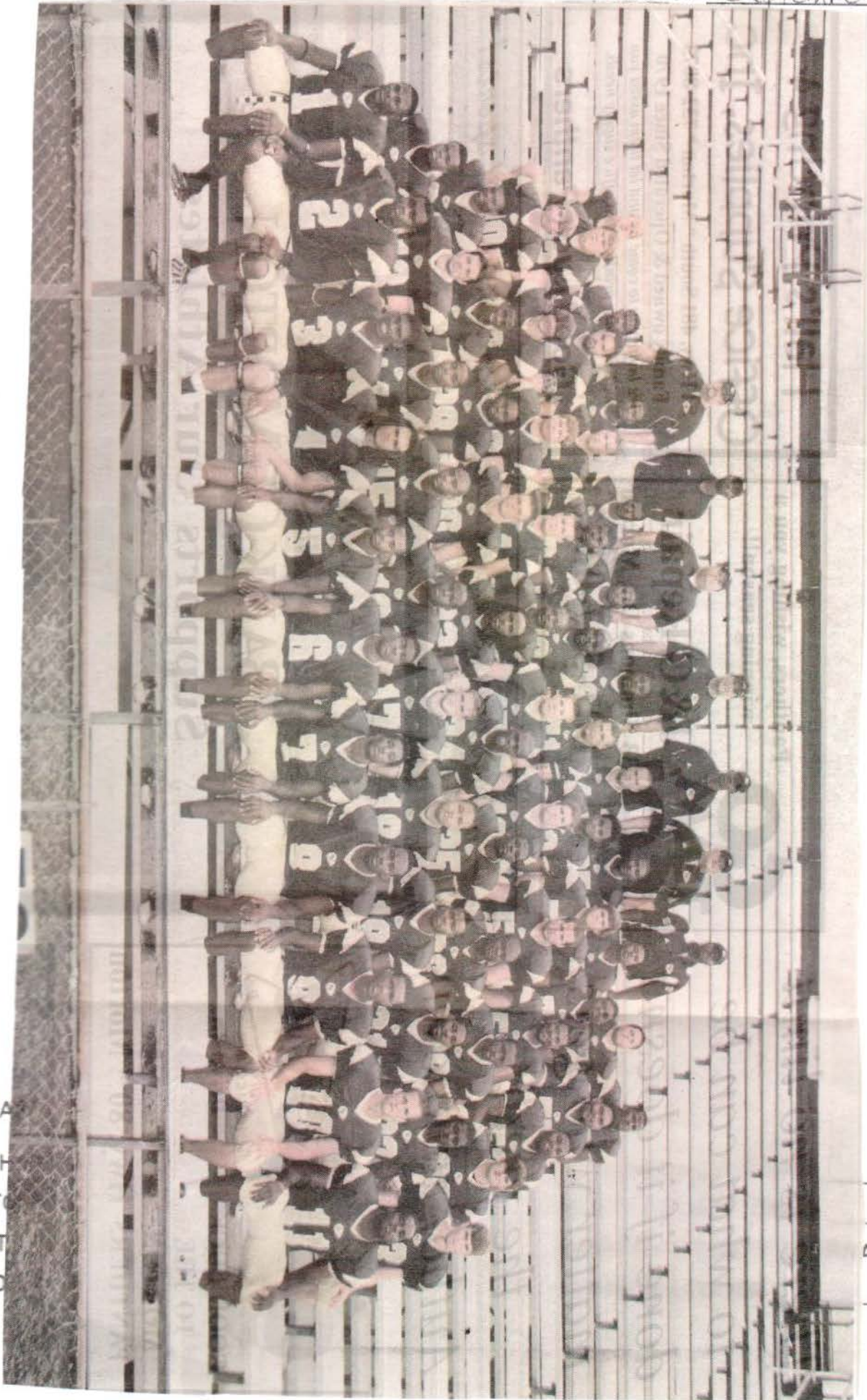
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2011 ECCC Warrior Football Team

Members of the 2011 Warrior football team at East Central Community College in Decatur and their respective high schools include (front row, from left) strong safety Dennis Thames (1), Louisville; wide receiver KeiVondre Watford (2), Tuscaloosa Central; defensive back Jonathan Scott (3), Seabreeze (Dayton Beach, Florida); wide receiver Corey Collier (4), Tuscaloosa County; running back Lavadius Lyles (5), Forest; wide receiver Zach Pendleton (6), Forest Hill; wide receiver/defensive back Reggie Hall (7), Neville (Monroe, LA); wide receiver Greg Timmons (8), Eisenhower (Houston, Texas); wide receiver Brock Hall (9), Paul W. Bryant (Tuscaloosa, AL); quarterback Jesse Blakemore (10), The Veritas School (Ridgeland); and linebacker Ricky Cavanaugh (11), LBJ (Austin, Texas); (second row, from left) wide receiver Deonte Harper (12), Morton; quarterback Mitch Manley (13), Pittsburg (Leesburg, Texas); defensive back Ben Brooks (14), Northeast Lauderdale; linebacker Darius Wren (15), West Lauderdale; running back Ike Cherry (16), Gautier; quarterback Shelby Moseley (17), Southeast Lauderdale; linebacker Jeremy Morgan (18), Philadelphia; linebacker Martin Wilson (19), Neshoba Central; defensive back Georgio Grace (21), Philadelphia; running back Jaabir Stephens (22), Hillcrest (Tuscaloosa, AL); and wide receiver/defensive back Freeman Gray (23), Tunica Academy; (third row, from left) defensive back Dominique Carter (24), Nanih Waiya; cornerback Za Reese (26), Morton; running back Terrance Dentry (28), New Hope (Columbus, MS); defensive back Tim Oster (30), Ocean Springs; linebacker Tyrone Williams (32), Thomasville (Georgia); defensive end Josh Martin (34), Paul W. Bryant (Tuscaloosa, AL); defensive back Steffon Fuller (35), Kemper County; linebacker Trey Wynn (36), Hillcrest (Tuscaloosa, AL); linebacker Tarus White (38), South Leake; and punter Rob Moffitt (39) Winston Academy; (fourth row, from left) linebacker Stephen Gray (40), Tunica Academy; kicker Dylan Alford (42) Leake Academy, linebacker Tyler Robinson (43), Newton County; linebacker Austin Conn (44), Mize; linebacker Chris Ficklin (45), Scott Central; linebacker Zach Gonn (47), Mize; defensive end/tight end Parker Jones (48), Winston Academy; offensive lineman Tate Rogers (51), Louisville; offensive lineman Remund Jackson (52), Tuscaloosa County; and offensive lineman Paul Kiruman (53), Tuscaloosa County; (fifth row, from left) offensive lineman Park Stevens (62), New Hope; offensive lineman Brandon Milner (64), Pillow Academy (Greenwood); offensive lineman Johnny Kight (65) and offensive lineman Mackenzie Lee (66), both of Nanih Waiya; offensive lineman Andre Lucious (70), Tuscaloosa County; offensive lineman Dustin Tubby (71), Neshoba Central; offensive lineman Bart Whigham (72), Northview (Dothan, AL); offensive lineman Justin Kilpatrick (73), Neshoba Central; offensive lineman Shaquille Patrick (74), Scott Central; and defensive lineman Semisi Tupou (75), Orange (Long Beach, CA); (sixth row, from left) wide receiver Ronnie McMillan (80), Tuscaloosa County; defensive end Maher Bradford (81), Scott Central; wide receiver Cameron Stowers (82), Forest; offensive lineman Lakenneth Weidmann (83), South Leake; defensive back/wide receiver Jimmie Broomfield (86), Scott Central; defensive lineman Bradley Dorsey (90), Morton; defensive lineman Jacob Gilbert (94), Neshoba Central; defensive lineman Darnell Hughes (95), Forest; defensive end Vodrick Lucious (96), Tuscaloosa County; defensive tackle Cody Parkes (97), Nanih Waiya; and defensive tackle Calvin Smith (98) Newton County; and (back row, from left) coaches Kyle Watson (offensive line/special teams), Antwon Courington (wide receivers), Blake Frazier (defensive coordinator), Brian Anderson (head coach and offensive coordinator), Keith Houston (defensive backs), Derek Pouncey (defensive line) and Jarvis Cole (defensive intern). (EC Photo)

ECCC AT ITAWAMBA

Warriors' big rally produces first win

from staff reports

A slow start couldn't stop East Central Community College from grabbing its first win on the road

Thursday night.

The Warriors spotted host Itawamba Community College a 17-0 halftime lead before rallying back in the fourth quarter for a 24-17 win in Fulton.

Trailing 17-3 heading into the final stanza following a 38-yard field goal from John Carpenter with five minutes left in the third, the Warriors (1-2) got their touchdown on a 14-yard halfback pass from Dennis Thames to Corey Collier with 7:52 left.

Five minutes later, ECCC tied it when freshman quarterback Mitch Manley connected with Brock Hall on an 80-yard touchdown pass. And then with just 30.6 seconds remaining, the Warriors scored to grab their first win. Manley sneaked in from 1 yard out to put ECCC up 24-17.

After a scoreless first quarter, Itawamba got untracked in the second before ECCC's late comeback. The Indians scored on the first play of the second quarter as DeShawn McGaughy raced in from 50 yards away with 14:50 left in the half.



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Ten minutes later, McGaughy again reached paydirt, this time from 6 yards out, to put ICC up 14-0. Will Goodwin then hit a 32-yard field goal with 10 seconds left in the quarter.

East Central looks to even its record and get off to a fast start in MACJC South Division play on Thursday when Pearl River visits.

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Two late TDs rally EC to win

By Marty Stamper

Appeal Sports Editor

Three touchdowns in the fourth quarter — including two in the final three minutes — rallied the East Central Community College Warriors to a 24-17 road win over Itawamba Community College Thursday night at Lambert Stadium in Fulton.

EC improved to 1-2, while Itawamba dropped to 0-3.

Trailing 17-0 at halftime and 17-3 through three periods, the Warriors used a 21-0 advantage over the last eight minutes to come away with their first win of 2011.

On EC's second possession of the fourth quarter, the Indians had the Warriors stopped on a fourth-down play, only to have a late hit out-of-bounds extend the drive. A halfback pass from Dennis Thames to Corey Collier on the very next play was good for a 20-yard score as EC closed to within 17-10 with 7:52 left in the contest.

After ICC missed a 33-yard field goal with 3:20 remaining, the Warriors quickly pulled even as quarterback Mitch Manley pumped-faked and hit Brock Hall for an 80-yard touchdown that tied the score at 17-17 with 2:27 to play.

The Indians quickly moved to the EC 35, but EC's Darius Wren picked off a Darren Daniel pass and returned it 68 yards to the ICC 2 to set up the game-winning score. Two plays later, Manley battled his way across the goal line from a yard out with 30 seconds remaining. Jacob Carpenter added



Defensive plays like the one above helped East Central shut down Itawamba in the second half of Thursday's 24-17 come-from-behind victory for the Warriors in Fulton. EC trailed 17-0 at halftime.

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the PAT as the Warriors took their first lead of the night.

A 38-yard kickoff return by Demarius Howard to the EC 36 gave the Indians one last glimmer of hope, but Daniel was intercepted by Jonathan Scott with three seconds left to seal the win and snap EC's four-game losing streak dating back to last year.

"I don't know what to say about our young team, other than when all hope seemed lost they never doubted themselves and they finished the battle together and emerged as a team," said EC coach Brian Anderson.

"We're young and inexperi-

enced in some ways but talented and resilient in others. I have liked the mindset and character this team has displayed thus far. There is no doubt how blessed we were and how much our team needed the victory.

"I look forward to getting out on the practice field this week and getting better as we prepare for our South Division schedule."

After neither team was able to score in the first quarter, ICC took a 7-0 lead on the first play of the second quarter on a 52-yard run by Deshawn McGaughy, who ran untouched. Will Goodwin added the PAT.

A bad snap on a punt gave the Indians the ball at the EC 31 and McGaughy scored on a 6-yard run with 4:59 left in the half for a 14-0 lead.

The Indians took a 17-0 lead into halftime following Goodwin's 32-yard field goal with 10 seconds left. The short scoring drive began at the EC 22 following a Warrior turnover.

Carpenter got EC on the board with a 38-yard field goal with 5:30 left in the third quarter.

EC begins MACJC South Division play Thursday at home hosting nationally-ranked Pearl River Community College.

The 15th-ranked Wildcats, 2-1, knocked off Southwest Mississippi Community College 27-20 last week in Poplarville. Pearl River previously defeated Itawamba 34-8 after losing 56-55 to Northwest Mississippi Community College in its season opener.

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ECCC Warriors rally to September 18, 2011

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Wren, a sophomore linebacker and West Lauderdale High School product, picked off Indian quarterback Darren Daniel's pass attempt near the East Central 30 and returned the pigskin to the two-yard line.

Two plays later, freshman quarterback Mitch Manley of Pittsburg, Texas, sneaked across the goal line from one yard out with 30 seconds remaining. Jacob Carpenter of Winona added the PAT and the Warriors had their first lead of the night with the seven-point margin after trailing 17-0 at half-time.

Itawamba took the ensuing kickoff and following Demarius Howard's 36-yard return, the Indians had excellent field position at the EC 36. But the scoring threat was nipped in the bud when Warrior defensive back Jonathan Scott intercepted Daniel's pass in the end zone with 3.7 seconds remaining. Scott is a product of Seabreeze High School in Daytona Beach, Fla.

After Manley "took a knee" to end the

game, the celebration was under way for the Warriors (1-2) who entered the win column for the first time in 2011.

Head coach Brian Anderson said he was "especially proud" of his troops following the stunning victory.

"I don't know what to say about our young team, other than when all hope seemed lost they never doubted themselves and they finished the battle together and emerged as a team," said Anderson. "We have 11 players back from last year's squad and 16 who have never played college football. We're young and inexperienced in some ways but talented and resilient in others. I have liked the mindset and character this team has displayed thus far. There is no doubt how blessed we were Thursday night and how much our team needed the victory. I look forward to getting out on the practice field this week and getting better as we prepare for our South Division schedule."

After a scoreless first quarter, Itawamba took a 7-0 lead early in the second stanza on a 52-yard run by running back Deshawn McGaughy of Fulton. Will Goodwin of Starkville added the PAT.

McGaughy scored again on a six-yard scamper with 4:59 left before halftime, capping an eight-play, 31-yard drive set up by a Warrior miscue.

The Indians put their final points on

the scoreboard on Goodwin's 32-yard field goal with 10 seconds left before half-time. The short scoring drive began at the EC 22 and was set up by a Warrior turnover.

East Central cut into the Itawamba lead on Carpenter's 38-yard field goal with 5:30 left in the third period. A key play during the scoring drive, which began at the Itawamba 44, was running back LaVadius Lyles' 16-yard scamper to the Indians' 24-yard-line. Lyles is a product of Forest High School.

The Warriors used a little trickery in scoring their first touchdown as Dennis Thames of Louisville caught a pass from Manley in the backfield and then fired a 13-yard touchdown strike to wide receiver Corey Collier of Tuscaloosa (Ala.) County High School for a 13-yard scoring play. Carpenter's PAT following the halfback pass cut the Itawamba lead to 17-10 with 7:53 remaining in the final stanza.

The Indians had an opportunity to stretch their lead to 10 points on their next possession but Goodwin's 33-yard field goal attempt with 3:20 remaining was wide right.

It took just one play for East Central to take advantage of the Indians' missed scoring opportunity, as Manley and wide receiver Brock Hall hooked up on an 80-yard scoring pass play with 3:20 left in the contest. Carpenter's

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defeat Itawamba, 24-17

PAT tied the contest at 17-17.

Itawamba took possession on its 36 following the ensuing kickoff and three plays later Wren made his clutch interception, setting up the game-winning score.

Itawamba dropped to 0-3 following the loss. Former ECCC assistant coach Jon Williams serves as head coach.

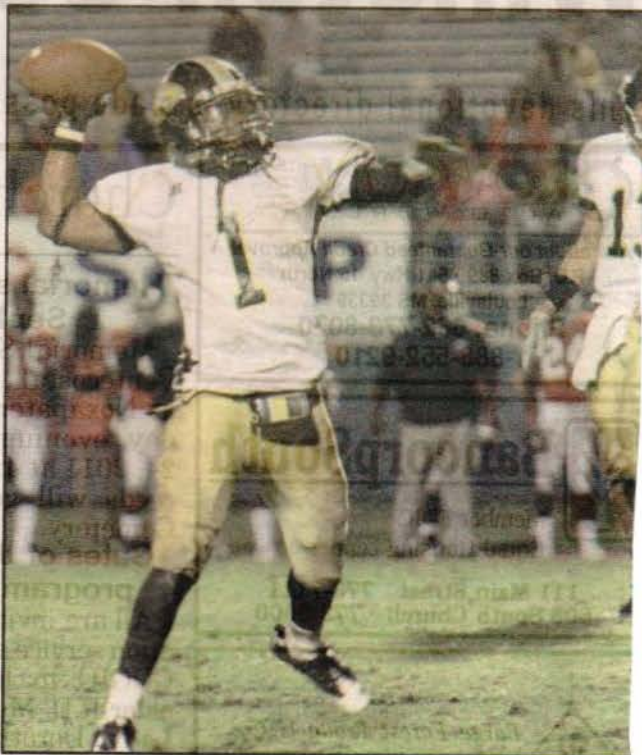
WARRIORS HOST PEARL RIVER THURSDAY

East Central begins MACJC South Division competition by challenging nationally ranked Pearl River Community College Thursday, Sept. 22, at Bailey Stadium on the Decatur campus.

The 15th- ranked Wildcats (2-1) posted a 27-20 win over Southwest Mississippi Community College Thursday night in Poplarville.

Pearl River fell 56-55 to Northwest Mississippi Community College in the season opener and rebounded for a 34-8 thumping of Itawamba the following week.

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Thames' TD Strike!

Dennis Thames (1) is shown prior to completing a 13-yard touch down strike to Corey Collier during East Central Community College's stunning 24-17 comeback victory over Itawamba Community College Thursday night in Fulton. The scoring play cut the Indians' lead to 17-10 midway in the fourth stanza. Thames is a product of Louisville High School. Collier hails from Tuscaloosa (Ala.) County High School. At right is Warrior quarterback Mitch Manley (13) of Pittsburgh, Texas, who fired a strike to Thames setting up the touchdown toss. (EC Photo)

the ECCC Web site www.eccc.edu and on 98.3 "The Groove" (WKOZ-FM in Carthage/Philadelphia) featuring veteran broadcasters Melvin Wooten and

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JUCO FOOTBALL

Warriors hope to continue success against No. 15 Wildcats

By Jamie Wachter

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East Central Community College's dramatic fourth-quarter comeback last week provided more than just a much-needed win. It also provided some validation for the Warriors' coaching staff.

As the Warriors look to improve on last year's 2-7 finish, the ECCC coaches felt they not only upgraded the talent level, but also the character level of the Warriors. After an 0-2 start and trailing host Itawamba Community College 17-0, East Central found itself in a tough spot. But the Warriors rattled off 21 points in the fourth quarter to win 24-17.

"To have such a young team as we've got, we feel like we have some good players with character – we increased that this yea," ECCC coach Brian Anderson said as his team prepares to host No. 15 Pearl River at 6:30 p.m. today at Bailey Stadium. "I think that ballgame just validated our thoughts through our recruiting process, summer camp and fall camp.

"Just to see a team stick together – to struggle like we have at times, and at that same point, play well as we have at times. To come back and go 17 down on the road and still have the belief in your teammates that we could come back, I was so proud."

But the win was also wel-



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came from a confidence standpoint. For the first time since Anderson joined the ECCC staff – he assisted Steve Cheatham before taking over on an interim basis in 2009 and then getting the head job in 2010 – that the Warriors enter MACJC South Division play on a winning note.

"It is a positive and it's made practice this week a lot easier," he said. "It's one thing to tell a team that they can be a good football team and another when you actually win and see that you can do it. It makes it easier."

The comeback, which was capped by freshman

quarterback Mitch Manley's 1-yard sneak with 30 seconds left, also featured a trick play as Dennis Thames threw a touchdown off a halfback pass and two key defensive plays as former West Lauderdale star Darius Wren set up the go-ahead score with an interception and then Jonathan Scott intercepted a pass in the end zone to seal it. Manley has completed 31 of 73 passes for 477 yards and three touchdowns. Reggie Hall is his top target with nine catches for 130 yards and one score. Hall, a sophomore, is also the state's top kick returner.

But to build off that late success won't be easy against the 2-1 Wildcats. Pearl River, which

has won the past two meetings with East Central – 44-13 last year and 30-27 in overtime in 2009 – has won two straight following a 56-55 overtime loss to Northwest Mississippi in the season opener.

The Wildcats are led by sophomore quarterback Melvin German, the preseason MACJC Offensive Player of the Year according to Mississippi Gridiron magazine. German has PRCC atop the state in passing, averaging 395 yards per game. He has completed 101 of 141 passes for 1,147 yards and nine touchdowns.

"They've got the best football team that they've had in the four years I've witnessed them,"

Anderson said. "They've got a great quarterback, but I feel like our DBs will match up well. Hopefully, we will rise to the challenge.

"Our DBs have been complaining the past three weeks that they don't throw the football. We told them this week they will make up the difference."

ECCC is fourth in total defense – 254 yards per game – in the state and are led by sophomore linebacker Chris Ficklin, an honorable mention All-American a year ago. He has 20 solo tackles, 11 assists and three sacks as the Warriors have allowed just 153.3 yards passing per game and 100.7 rushing.

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PRCC pulls away from ECCC in fourth for win

By **Marty Stamper**
Special to the Star

DECATUR — While the 31-13 final score might not indicate it, one play pretty much cost the East Central Community College Warriors a chance of knocking off 15th-ranked Pearl River Community College Thursday night.

Trailing only 17-13 after getting a 9-yard touchdown run from Dennis Thames early in the third period, the Warriors promptly forced the Wildcats to punt the ball right back on fourth-and-13.

On the punt, however, EC was penalized for continuing to block a Wildcat

well out of bounds. An inadvertent whistle on the play required the down to be replayed, but the 15-yard penalty on the Warriors gave Pearl River a first down and the Wildcats soon got a 36-yard touchdown pass from Melvin German to Snoop Rollins to take a 24-13 lead with 4:40 left in the third quarter.

"We blocked him too well," said EC coach Brian Anderson. "We got no breaks tonight. When you play a team like this, you've got to get breaks and you can't make a lot of mistakes. We put the ball on the ground down there close when we had a chance to score again."

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"Our kids have nothing to hold their heads about, but at East Central you can't make those mistakes. You've got to play and you've got to be on your game. And you need some breaks and we didn't get a call or get a break. "We're going to



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East Central Community College's Josh Martin catches Pearl River Community College's Melvin German in the backfield Thursday night.

keep fighting and keep working and keep getting better."

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Neither team scored in the fourth quarter. EC reached the Wildcat 33, only to turn the ball over on downs.

The Wildcats scored on their second possession of the game as German connected with Jonathan Duncan on an 8-yard touchdown pass with 5:15 remaining in the first quarter.

The Warriors closed to within 7-6 with 13:06 to go in the second quarter on an 11-yard touchdown toss over the middle from Mitch Manley to Corey Collier. Manley had hit Reggie Hall for a 68-yard gain to the 11 to set up the score. Jacob Carpenter's extra point was blocked by the Wildcats.

German found Jaquaa Peters wide open for a 43-yard scoring play with 8:37 left in the half to put Pearl River up 14-6. EC failed to take advan-



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tage of a 6-yard Wildcat punt that had the Warriors in business at the Pearl River 23 as LaVadius Lyles fumbled the ball back on the next play.

Pacer Frierson extended the Wildcats' lead to 17-6 with a 26-yard field to begin the third quarter. German found Bradley for a 36-yard gain to the 10 to set up the field goal.

EC answered with a 28-yard scoring drive after a 48-yard kickoff return by Jimmie Broomfield.

Thames had runs of 15 and nine yards with the second producing a touchdown that pulled EC to within 17-13 with 8:14 remaining in the third quarter.

EC fell to 1-3 overall and 0-1 in the MACJC South Division. Pearl River improved to 3-1 and 2-0.

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Interceptions seal ECCC's first victory

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over Itawamba Community College Thursday night in Fulton.
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and returned the pigskin to the two-yard line.
Two plays later, freshman quarterback Mitch Manley of Pittsburg, Texas, sneaked across the goal line from one yard out with 30 seconds remaining. Jacob Carpenter of Winona added the

PAT and the Warriors had their first lead of the night with the seven-point margin after trailing 17-0 at halftime.
Warrior defensive back Jonathan Scott intercepted Daniel's pass in the end zone with 3.7 seconds remaining.

After Manley "took a knee" to end the game, the celebration was underway for the Warriors (1-2) who entered the win column for the first time in 2011.
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hope seemed lost they never doubted themselves and they finished the battle together and emerged as a team," said EC head coach Brian Anderson.
Next up, ECCC will host nationally ranked Pearl River Thursday 6:30 p.m.

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EC Warriors drop division opener to Pearl River, 31-13

Nationally ranked Pearl River Community College took advantage of East Central Community College mistakes to post a 31-13 MACJC South Division decision Thursday night at Bailey Stadium on the Decatur campus.

The Warriors, who fell to 1-3 overall and 0-1 in league play, trailed 17-13 to the 15th-ranked Wildcats (3-1, 2-0) in the third stanza following Dennis Thames' 10-yard run.

After forcing the Wildcats to punt on the ensuing possession, East Central was set up to possibly take the lead but a controversial personal foul penalty on the Warriors during the punt kept the Pearl River drive alive and resulted in a Wildcat touchdown. East Central was unable to recover from the miscue.

"We blocked him (Pearl River defender) too well," said Warrior head coach Brian Anderson, referring to the Warrior penalty for "blocking a Pearl River player out of bounds." An inadvertent whistle on the play required the down to be replayed, but the 15-yard penalty provided PRC with a first down. Pearl River later scored on a 36-yard touchdown strike from Melvin German — the state's top passer — to Snoop Rollins with 4:40 left in the third stanza.

"We got no breaks tonight," Anderson continued in his post-game interview. "When you play a team like this, you've got to get breaks and you can't make

a lot of mistakes. We put the ball on the ground down there close when we had a chance to score again."

Despite the disappointing loss, Anderson is confident the Warriors will continue to improve.

"I'm proud of our kids," he stated. "We played a great football team, as good a football team as I've seen the last four years. Our kids have nothing to hold their heads about, but at East Central you can't make those mistakes. You've got to be on your game. And you need some breaks and we didn't get a call or a break. We're going to keep fighting and keep working and keep getting better."

Pearl River jumped out to a 7-0 lead on German's seven-yard TD toss to Jonathan Duncan of Oak Grove with 5:16 left in the first stanza. Pacer Frierson of Picayune Memorial connected on the first of his four PATs.

German, who hails from Dunbar High School in Fort Myers, Fla., would finish the night by completing 27 of 46 passes for 368 yards and four scores. He had two interceptions.

EC closed the scoring gap to 7-6 early in the second stanza, following quarterback Mitch Manley's 11-yard strike to receiver Corey Collier, a sophomore from Tuscaloosa County (Ala.) High School. Freshman

Jacob Carpenter's PAT was blocked. Carpenter is a product of Winona High School.

The TD was set up on Manley's 68-yard completion to sophomore receiver Reggie Hall, a product of Neville High School in Monroe, La.

Manley, a freshman signal caller and product of Pittsburg (Texas) High School, finished the night by completing 11 of 22 passes for 163 yards and the one score. He had one interception.

The Wildcats extended their lead to 14-6 midway in the second stanza on German's 43-yard TD pass to receiver Jaquaa Peters of Columbia. The scoring play was set up by Wildcat defensive back Steve McNair, Jr., who picked off Manley's pass in PRC territory and returned the pigskin to the EC 43 with 8:44 left before half-time. McNair is a product of Oak Grove High School.

Pearl River threatened to extend its lead late in the half but Warrior defensive back Za Reese of Morton intercepted German's pass near midfield to nip the threat.

After an exchange of possession and following a short Pearl River punt, EC had an excellent opportunity to score from the Wildcat 23. But on first down, running back LaVadius Lyles of Forest lost possession following a short gain and the Wildcats

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took over.

The half ended with the visitors up 14-6.

The Wildcats received the second half kickoff and quickly marched from its 20 to the East Central 10. However, the drive stalled but resulted in points as Frierson connected on a 36-yard field goal with 8:14 left in the third quarter.

East Central responded with a score of its own, as Thames found the end zone on a 10-yard run. Thames, a product of Louisville High School, is a transfer from Mississippi State University. Carpenter added the PAT and EC closed the scoring gap to 17-13.

The short scoring drive was set up by sophomore Jimmie Broomfield's 50-yard kickoff return that gave EC possession on the Pearl River 27. Broomfield, the state's leading kickoff return specials, is a product of Scott Central High School.

After EC appeared to have stopped Pearl River on its next

possession, the Warriors were penalized on the controversial call during the Wildcat punt, resulting in another score for the visitors - German's 36-yard strike to Rollins late in third period action.

The Wildcats put the final points on the scoreboard on German's 17-yard TD toss to receiver Rickey Bradley of Oak Grove with 2:25 left in the third period.

Next up for the Warriors is a division battle with Hinds Community College scheduled Thursday, Sept. 29. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m. on the Raymond campus.

The Eagles improved to 3-1 following their 48-17 thrashing of Mississippi Delta Community College Thursday night in Moorhead.

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ECCC seeks second-straight against Hinds

from school reports

A last-second field goal provided East Central Community College with a stunning 37-35 come-from-behind victory over Hinds Community College in 2010, capping a perfect end to East Central's homecoming celebration.

Warrior head coach Brian Anderson is obviously hoping for a similar result this Thursday, when East Central will be the Eagles' homecoming guest, with kickoff for the MACJC South Division battle set for 7 p.m. on the Raymond campus.

"It was unbelievable...remarkable," said an excited Anderson following the amazing win last year before a standing-room only homecoming crowd at Bailey Stadium. "I have seen us pull out some games in the last seconds before in years past, but nothing like this. After Hinds scored with only seconds remaining, everyone thought it was over except for our kids. It was not a perfect game but we never gave up and we never quit fighting. The Lord really blessed us today. Our team had faith in each other and that is what you have to have."

For East Central (1-3, 0-1) to knock off the 3-1 Hinds Eagles (3-1, 2-0), the Warriors will have to find a way to stop their offensive leader, quarterback Deon Anthony, a 6-1, 205-pound sophomore from Westgate High School in New Iberia, La.

Anthony is a very good



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football player," said Anderson, "and is one of the top passers in the league. Our defense will have to play its best to stop him and the Eagles' offensive attack."

Anthony is rated fifth among JUCO passers, completing 42 of 89 passes for 708 yards and seven touchdowns. He is averaging 177 yards passing per contest.

The Hinds offense is rated fourth overall, amassing 369 yards per game.

"They have a very good offense but we also have a talented defense," said Anderson, "and if we play like I know we can, it should be a great game."

EC's defense is ranked fifth in the league, allowing 280.5 yards per contest.

The Warriors are

second in rushing defense (85.8 yards per game) and eighth in passing (194.7 yards).

Sophomore linebacker Chris Ficklin (5-11, 185) continues as the Warriors' defensive leader. The Scott Central High School product is ranked fifth in tackles with 30 solo stops and 18 assists. Sophomore linebacker Ricky Cavanaugh (6-2, 215) is among the top JUCO defenders with 17 tackles and five assists. Cavanaugh is a product of LBJ High School in Austin, Texas.

Although the Warrior offense has been plagued with turnovers, freshman quarterback Mitch Manley (6-5, 215) continues to be one of the league's top passers.

Manley, a product of Pittsburgh (Texas) High School, is rated sixth in the league, completing 41 of 95 passes for 652 yards

and four touchdowns. He is averaging 163 passing yards per contest.

His top receiver continues to be sophomore Reggie Hall (5-9, 170) who has 17 grabs for 217 yards and one score. He averages 12.8 yards per catch. He is also the league's top return specialist with one attempt for 90 yards and a touchdown. In addition, he is one of the league's top kickoff return specialists, with four returns for 119 yards, a 29.8-yard average. His longest return is 44 yards. Hall is a product of Neville High School in Monroe, La.

Sophomore Jimmie Broomfield (5-11, 205) is also one of the states top return specialists. Broomfield is ranked third in punt returns (four attempts for 149 yards) and is among the top kickoff return specialists (six returns for 46

yards). He is a product of Scott Central High School.

Hinds has wins over Itawamba (44-24), Copiah-Lincoln (38-0) and Mississippi Delta (48-17) and a loss to East Mississippi (20-17).

East Central defeated Itawamba (24-17) and fell to Northeast (40-27), Northwest (42-19) and Pearl River (31-13).

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River flows past ECCC

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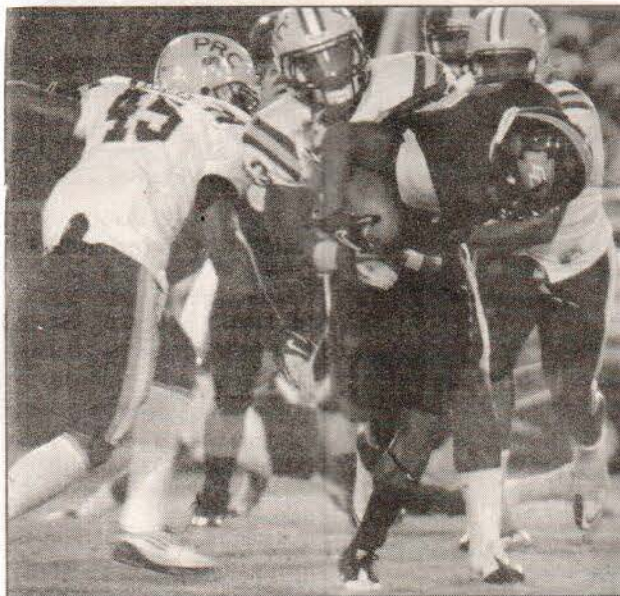
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ECCC's Jerrell Priester struggles for yardage while being tackled by Pearl River Community College defenders.

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Neither team scored in the fourth quarter. EC did reach the Wildcat 33, only to turn the ball over on downs.

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The Warriors closed to within 7-6 with 13:06 to go in the second quarter on an 11-yard touchdown toss over the middle from Mitch Manley to Corey Collier. Manley had hit Reggie Hall for a 68-yard gain to the 11 to set up the score. Jacob Carpenter's extra point was blocked by the Wildcats.

German found Jaquaa Peters wide open for a 43-yard scoring play with 8:37 left in the half to put

Pearl River up 14-6.

EC failed to take advantage of a 6-yard Wildcat punt that had the Warriors in business at the Pearl River 23 as LaVadius Lyles fumbled the ball back on the next play.

Pacer Frierson extended the Wildcats' lead to 17-6 with a 26-yard field to begin the third quarter. German found Bradley for a 36-yard gain to the 10 to set up the field goal.

EC answered with a 28-yard scoring drive after a 48-yard kick-off return by Jimmie Broomfield. Thames had runs of 15 and nine yards with the second producing a touchdown that pulled EC to within 17-13 with 8:14 remaining in the third quarter.

EC fell to 1-3 overall and 0-1 in the MACJC South Division. Pearl River improved to 3-1 and 2-0.

EC travels to Hinds Thursday for a 7 p.m. kickoff.

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East Central Community College head football coach Brian Anderson, left, shows his displeasure with officials who penalized the Warriors with a personal foul penalty during a Pearl River punt that kept the drive alive for the Wildcats and resulted in a touchdown. EC, which trailed 17-13 at the time of the controversial penalty during third-quarter action, fell to the nationally-ranked Wildcats 31-13 Thursday night in MACJC South Division competition at Bailey Stadium in Decatur.

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Manley, who was on track to have his most productive night as the Warrior signal caller, was injured during a tackle by a Hinds defender on the last play of the first quarter with the Eagles holding a 7-0 advantage. Manley had led EC from its own 20 to the Hinds' 21 when the mishap occurred.

Manley's helmet came off as a result of the tackle. The freshman from Pittsburg (Texas) High School left the game after completing three of seven passes for 87 yards and one pick. He also had three carries for 13 yards. He was rated one of the state's top

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"It's just so unfortunate," said Warrior head coach Brian Anderson referring to Manley's injury. "Mitch was really pumped up for this game and was having a good night leading the team. It appears he will miss the rest of the season but we won't know for sure until we have the results from the MRI."

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The Eagles were led by quarterback Deon Anthony, who ripped the Warrior defense by completing 12 of 24 passes for 268 yards and three scores.

Sophomore Dennis Thames of Louisville led EC rushers with 22 carries for 65 yards. Hall had one carry for 54 yards. Freshman Jaabir Stephens had eight carries for 38 yards. Stephens hails from Hillcrest High School in Tuscaloosa.

Collier was EC's top receiver with three catches for 31 yards and a score. Hall also had three grabs for 25 yards. Watford, a Tuscaloosa Central product, had the one catch for 22 yards and a score.

Defensively, sophomore linebacker Chris Ficklin led the Warriors with seven tackles and two assists. Ficklin is a product of Scott Central High School. Linebacker Tyrone Williams had six tackles. Williams hails from Thomasville (Ga.) High School.

East Central hosts Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College Saturday, Oct. 8 in the annual homecoming battle. Kickoff is set for 2 p.m. at Bailey Stadium.

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Hinds rolls to 31-19 win over East Central

By Marty Stamper

Appeal Sports Editor

To say East Central Community College's 31-19 loss to Hinds Community College Thursday night at Raymond was a costly one would be putting it mildly.

Not only did the Warriors fall to 1-4 overall, they dropped to 0-2 in the rugged MACJC South Division.

In addition, the Warriors likely lost quarterback Mitch Manley for the rest of the season with a knee injury suffered against the Eagles.

Manley was injured during a tackle on the last play of the first quarter with the Eagles holding a 7-0 advantage. He had completed 3-of-7 passes for 37 yards and rushed for 13 yards prior to going down.

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Hinds, which improved to 4-1 and 2-0 following its homecoming win, took a 24-7 lead into halftime and held a 31-7 advantage before EC tallied twice in the final eight minutes.

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for 268 yards and three touchdowns. Anthony had a 36-yard touchdown toss to Adam McWilliams along with 59 and 6-yard scoring passes to Quantavius Leslie.

Jabari Baker added a 4-yard scoring run and Kyle Williams kicked a 21-yard field goal and three extra points for the Eagles.

EC threatened on the game's first possession after a 54-yard run by Reggie Hall had the Warriors in business at the Eagle 26, but Manley was picked off in the end zone two plays later.

The Warriors pulled even at 7-7 early in the second quarter on a 23-yard pass from LaVadius Lyles to Cory Collier. Jacob Carpenter added the extra point.

After the Eagles pulled out to their 31-7 advantage, EC freshman quarterback Jesse Blakemore fired a 21-yard touchdown strike to KeiVondre Watford with 7:41 remaining and Blakemore scored on a 1-yard sneak with only 18 seconds left. Both scores were set up by Eagle turnovers.

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The Bulldogs, ranked 12th in the latest NJCAA poll, defeated Pearl River Community College 17-10 Thursday night to improve to 4-1 overall and 3-0 in the South Division. Gulf Coast has won four straight after opening with a 34-30 loss at East Mississippi.

All Warrior football games can be heard on the ECCC Web site (www.eccc.edu) and on the 98.3 (WKOZ-FM). Warrior home contests are also streamed live on the College's Web site. Click on "Warrior-Cast" to watch all the action, including the halftime presentation of the 2011 homecoming court.

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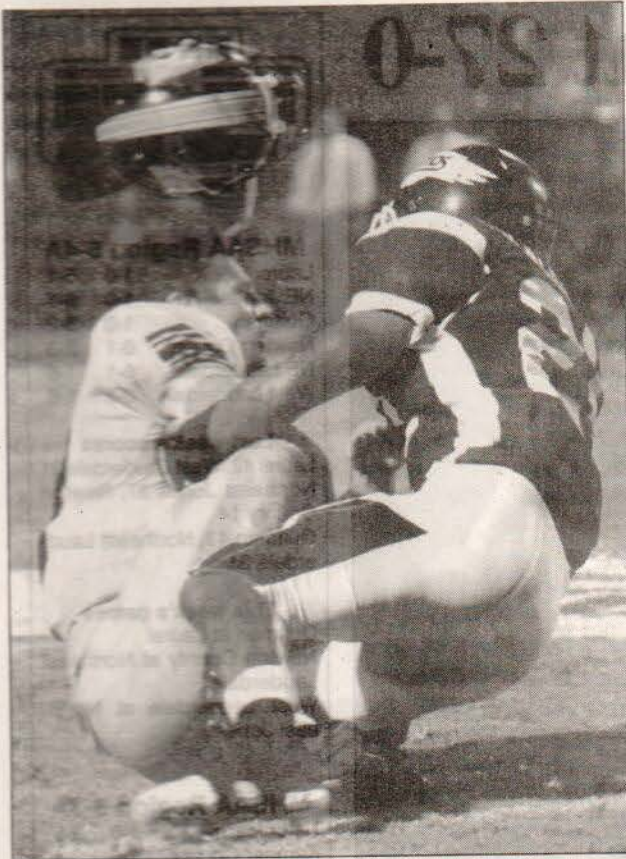
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East Central Community College freshman quarterback Mitch Manley received a possible season-ending knee injury on this play late in first quarter action during the Warriors' 31-19 loss to Hinds Community College Thursday night in Raymond. His helmet also came off as a result of the tackle.

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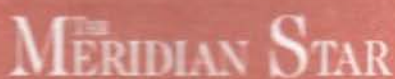
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By Marty Stamper / Special to The Star
The Meridian Star (<http://meridianstar.com>)

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The Warriors travel to Ellisville Saturday to take on Jones. The Bobcats dropped to 0-3 and 3-3 with last week's 34-7 loss at Hinds.

Kickoff is set for 3 p.m.

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ECCC Warriors drop 28-7 decision to Jones

Missed scoring opportunities helped seal another setback for the East Central Community College Warriors, who were 28-7 homecoming victims of Jones County Junior College Saturday afternoon.

With the loss EC dropped to 1-6 overall and 0-4 in the MACJC South Division under third-year head coach Brian Anderson. The Bobcats improved to 4-3 and 1-3.

After Jones jumped out to a 14-0 advantage midway in the second period, the Warriors cut the lead in half when quarterback

Jesse Blakemore of Jackson and wide receiver Freeman Gray of Tunica hooked up on a 60-yard touchdown play with 6:52 remaining before halftime.

On their next possession, the Warriors drove from their 32-yard-line to the Bobcat 20, only to have the drive stall when Carpenter's 32-yard field goal attempt in the final seconds of first-half action was not successful.

EC mounted an impressive drive late in the third stanza, as the Warriors began possession on their 14 and ended on

the Jones eight-yard-line, as Carpenter's 25-yard field goal was again off the mark.

Jones would later put the game out of reach with two fourth-quarter scores – a one-yard run by Jonvontae Thurman of Florence with 9:06 remaining followed by Anthony Wilson's 31-yard interception return with 6:34 left in the division battle. Wilson hails from Birmingham.

East Central hosts Covich-Lincoln Community College Thursday, Oct. 20 in the home finale. Kickoff is set for 6:30 p.m.

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EC drops 28-7 division contest at Jones

By Marty Stamper

Appeal Sports Editor

The East Central Community College Warriors dropped into sole possession of the MACJC South Division basement with a 28-7 loss to Jones Junior College Saturday in Ellisville.

EC dipped to 0-4 in the division and 1-6 overall. Jones improved to 1-3 and 4-3 with the homecoming win.

Jones took a 14-0 lead before EC got its only touchdown on a 60-yard pass from Jesse Blakemore to Freeman Gary with 6:52 to go in

the first half. Jacob Carpenter added the extra point.

The Warriors threatened on their next possession as they reached the Jones, but Carpenter was unable to convert a 32-yard field goal attempt.

EC reached the Jones 18 to begin the second half, but turned the ball over.

The Warriors also had a drive from their 14 to the Bobcat 8, but Carpenter was unable to make a 25-yard field goal.

Jones got a 1-yard touchdown run from Jonvontae Thurman and a 31-yard interception return for a score

by Anthony Wilson in the fourth quarter to put the game away.

Lavoris Powell had an 18-yard reception from Ben Stevens and scored on a 1-yard run to stake the Bobcats to their 14-0 lead.

Blakemore passed for 166 yards and rushed for 53 to lead EC. Hall had seven catches for 62 yards.

The Warriors host Copiah-Lincoln Community College on Thursday for the 2011 home finale. Kickoff is set for 6:30 p.m.

Co-Lin, 3-4 overall and 1-4 in the South Division, lost 34-14 to Mississippi Gulf Coast Community Saturday.

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Warriors lose defensive battle with Co-Lin

Wide receiver Alonzo Lewis used his 6-foot-4 frame to haul in a 16-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Chandler Rogers on fourth-and-14 with 3:49 remaining to provide Copiah-Lincoln Community College with a stunning 7-6 come-from-behind decision over East Central Community College Thursday night in Decatur.

With the loss, EC dropped to 1-7 overall and 0-5 in the MACJC South Division. Co-Lin improved to 4-4 and 2-4.

The Wolves began the game-winning drive at their own 22 with 8:47 remaining in East Central's home finale. A key play on the 78-yard march was Jerry McNair's 30-yard scamper off a fake punt on fourth-and-3 from the Co-Lin 22. The 6-foot-2, 280-pounder from Magee gave the Wolves new life at the EC 42

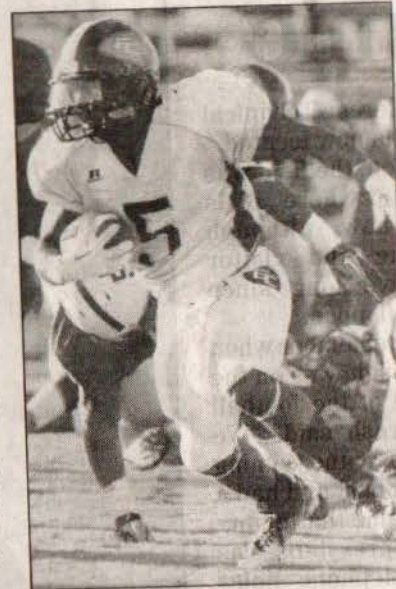
and they took advantage of the opportunity by scoring nine plays later on a Warrior defense that kept the Co-Lin offense in check most of the night.

EC had taken a 6-0 lead early in the final stanza of the defensive struggle when quarterback Jesse Blakemore hooked up with wide receiver KeiVondre Watford on a 42-yard touchdown play on fourth-and-7. Jacob Carpenter's PAT attempt was blocked, eventually costing the Warriors the loss.

The 11-play, 89-yard drive represented EC's best offensive effort of the night and marked the first time the Warriors entered Co-Lin territory.

A key play during the march included Blakemore's 19-yard completion to receiver Reggie Hall, which gave EC possession on its own 43.

Blakemore, a product of The Veritas School in Ridgeland, fin-



Running back LaVadius Lyles (5) of Forest finds a little open field in a recent game with Jones County Junior College.

EC photo

ished the night by completing 8-of-14 passes for 90 yards.

Hall had three grabs for 27 yards. Watford, who hails from Tuscaloosa Central, led in receiving yardage with his 42-yard touchdown reception.

EC had six first downs and Co-Lin registered 10.

Rogers, a Brookhaven Academy product, completed 14-of-24 passes for 125 yards. His top receiver was De'Vante Scott, who had eight receptions for 84 yards.

Joel Davis of Natchez was the top ground gainer with 84 yards on eight carries.

The Warriors conclude the 2011 campaign by traveling to division opponent Southwest Mississippi Community College Thursday.

Kickoff is set for 6:30 p.m. on the Summit campus.

The Bears lost 42-35 to Jones last week to fall to 3-5.

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Warriors 'playing for pride' on road against Bears

By Jamie Wachter

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East Central Community College may not have a playoff berth on the line today, but there is still plenty for the Warriors to play for.

ECCC, which fell to 1-7 with its fifth straight loss last week, looks to end its season on a positive note when it visits Southwest Mississippi Community College for a 6:30 p.m. kickoff today. The Bears are 3-5 and 1-4 in the MACJC South Division after dropping their past two games. The Warriors are 0-5 in the South.

"We're playing for pride," East Central coach Brian Anderson said. "Anytime you play any game, you are playing for something. Since I've been in this league, I have noticed that there are times when perennial contenders are no longer in the playoff chase, they seem to give up and not play hard. But our kids, even through all the injuries and setbacks this year, they have not quit and they are still playing hard."



The Warriors, especially their defense, did just that last week in a 7-6 setback to Co-Lin in ECCC's home finale. The Wolves began seven possessions in Warrior territory last week, but were unable to score on any of those drives. Co-Lin was held scoreless until 3:35 remained when the Wolves finally finished off a 78-yard drive, which was kept alive by a fake punt and resulted in a fourth-down touchdown pass.

That unit, though, will be challenged by Southwest's rushing attack, which is second in the state. The Bears churn out 236.6 yards per game, less than 3 yards behind Mississippi Gulf Coast. East Central, meanwhile, allows just 93.8 yards rushing per game (also second in the state behind Gulf Coast) after slowing Co-Lin.

Leading that Southwest high-powered rushing attack is quarterback Vintavious Cooper. The sophomore, while completing just 50 percent of his throws for 888 yards and nine touchdowns, is the state's top rusher with 1,169 yards and 10 scores on 228 carries.

"He is probably the best player in the league," Anderson said. "He carries it about 38 times a game and leads the state in rushing. And Southwest's coaches do a great job every year. They always play hard."

"But he makes them go. He can score from anywhere on the field and we just have to do what we always do, play hard and play physical."

That physical defense is led by linebackers Chris Ficklin, Tyrone Williams and Darius Wren, a West Lauderdale product. Ficklin, who was an honorable mention All-American last year, leads the Warriors and is third in the state with 92 tackles despite battling injuries. Williams has 56 and Wren has 37 stops.

But that physical play will also need to carry over to offense. With the Warriors' usual high-octane offense scuffling due to its own injury woes, Anderson said a few Warriors will see time on both sides of the ball.

"We will take what we have left and just do the best we can," Anderson said. "We have just one running back left, and so we'll go five wide and see if we can get some things going. We may pull Ficklin and Wren over to run the ball."

Last week, the Warriors managed just 105 yards of offense – eight in the first half – and are 12th in the MACJC in total offense, averaging just 278.1 yards per game. Utilizing a pair of freshman quarterbacks – Mitch Manley until he got hurt midseason and Jesse Blakemore in his place – the Warriors are eighth passing (160.6 yards) and 10th rushing (118.8).

"We try and put them in positions to succeed," Anderson said. "I know it doesn't always look like that from the stands, but we're not doing anything different than we have in the past and we've never ranked outside the top three in the state and top 10 in the nation on offense."



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ECCC's Lavadius Lyles looks for a way around a Jones County defender last week.

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EC closes out 2-7 season with win at SW

Chris Ficklin, who received NJCAA All-American honors as a freshman linebacker last season, pulled double-duty for the East Central Community College Warriors Thursday night, scoring three touchdowns and making his usual standout defensive plays in leading the Warriors to a 41-28 thumping of Southwest Mississippi Community College in the season finale for both teams at John L. Hurst Stadium in Summit.

Ficklin, who played running back for the first time since his high school days at Scott Central, had 16 rushes for 103 yards and tallied on runs of one and nine yards during first-half action and provided EC with a game-clinching 8-yard burst with 1:49 left to secure the 13-point victory. The win not only snapped a five-game season skid but also broke a five-game losing streak to the Bears.

EC, which had more than its share of turnovers and bad breaks during the 2011 campaign, finally put together a complete game in what was described as the "Pride Bowl" to finish at 2-7 overall and 1-5 in the MACJC South Division.

Southwest dropped to 3-6 and 1-5.

"I'm proud of this team probably more than any other I've ever coached," said Brian Anderson, who completes his second year as head coach after serving one season on an interim basis.

"It doesn't seem right to say that because of the overall record. But record isn't always indicative of the team. You must consider intangibles, such as character, heart, work ethic,

and attitude. This group of young men handled adversity like a coach would hope for his team to do. They never quit playing and working to improve in practice.

"I believe their character was evidenced by their performance the last game against Southwest. With seven starters out with either injury or suspended for violation of team rules, we played like Warriors. Our players and their parents kept me through the season."

Ficklin, who only stands 5-foot-11 and weighs 185 pounds, was called to offensive duty after running backs Dennis Thames, LaVadius Lyles, and Jaabir Stevens were suspended by Anderson for undisclosed reasons.

"I was down to my last running back and turned to Ficklin ... he responded like you would expect an All-American," said Anderson. "He is such a great competitor ... and played like 'Superman' for us! He did just about everything but drive the bus home!"

Ficklin, one of the state's top tacklers, had another impressive night on defense, registering five solo stops, three assists, and two quarterback sacks.

Freshman quarterback Jesse Blakemore also had another impressive outing for the Warriors. Blakemore completed 23-of-45 passes for 220 yards and two scores — a 5-yard TD toss to Brock Hall and a 61-yard strike to Corey Collier, both during second period action. The TD pass to Collier put EC ahead for good at 19-14 with just over seven minutes left before half-time.

Blakemore also had 18 rush-



ECCC's Jimmie Broomfield (25) returns a punt during the 2011 season. The Warriors closed out a 2-7 showing with a 41-28 victory at Southwest Mississippi Community College Thursday in Summit.

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es for 87 yards. Hall completed 4-of-5 passes for 80 yards until Blakemore returned later in the third period. Collier had five catches for 83 yards to lead EC receivers.

EC also scored on Jerrell Priester's 50-yard punt return midway in the third stanza, which stretched the Warrior advantage to 34-14.

Jacob Carpenter completed the scoring with a 21-yard field goal early in the third period. He connected on 2-of-4 PATs.

Southwest scored twice in the second period and added a

pair of touchdowns in the final stanza. Quarterback Vintavious Cooper tallied on a 5-yard run and connected with receiver Chris Cooley for a 28-yard scoring pass play in the second quarter, and Cooper fired a 10-yard strike to Jerome Stewart followed by Floyd Barnes' 48-yard pass interception to complete the scoring. Jake Saltamacchia connected on all four PATs.

EC linebacker Darius Wren had six solo stops and defensive tackle Bradley Dorsey had four tackles and four assists.

Players recognized



ECCC Sophomore Football Players Honored

Special recognition was given to the above sophomore members of the East Central Community College football team at the home finale with Copiah-Lincoln held Thursday, Oct. 20 at Bailey Stadium. Kneeling from left are defensive back/running back Dennis Thames (1), a product of Louisville High School; wide receiver Corey Collier (4) of Northport, Ala., Tuscaloosa County HS; wide receiver Zach Pendleton (6) of Jackson, Forest Hill HS; wide receiver/return specialist Reggie Hall (7) of Monroe, La., Neville HS; defensive back/return specialist Jerrell Priester (9) of Ulma S.C., Fairfax HS; linebacker Ricky Cavanaugh (11) of Austin, Texas, LBJ HS; wide receiver Deonte' Harper (12), Morton; and linebacker Darius Wren (15) of Shucktown, West Lauderdale HS. Standing from left are defensive back/return specialist Jimmie Broomfield (21) of Forest, Scott Central HS; linebacker Tyrone Williams (32) of Thomasville (Ga.) HS; linebacker Tyler Robinson (43) of Hickory, Newton County HS; linebacker Chris Ficklin (45) of Forest, Scott Central HS; offensive lineman Tate Rogers (52), Louisville HS; offensive lineman Mackenzie Lee (66), Nanih Waiya HS; offensive lineman Andre Lucious (70) of Ralph, Ala., Tuscaloosa County HS; offensive lineman Justin Kilpatrick (73) of Philadelphia, Neshoba Central HS; defensive lineman Semisi Tupou (75) of Long Beach, Calif., Orange HS; and wide receiver Ronnie McMillan (80) of Tuscaloosa, Ala., Tuscaloosa County HS. The Warriors finished 2-7 overall and 1-5 in the MACJC South Division under head coach Brian Anderson.

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Ficklin leads list

For the second straight year, East Central Community College standout linebacker Chris Ficklin of Forest has received All-Region 23 and MACJC First Team All-State honors in recognition of his accomplishments on the gridiron.

Ficklin, a 5-11, 194-pound product of Scott Central High School, finished third in individual and total tackles in the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior College (MACJC) competition, registering 71 solo stops and 29 assists.

The multi-talented student-athlete also proved he can still play on the offensive side of the ball, as the former Rebel

running back rushed for 103 yards on 16 carries and scored three touchdowns in leading the Warriors to a 41-28 victory over Southwest Mississippi Community College in the season finale on Oct. 27 in Summit. It was Ficklin's first stint at running back since his high school days.

Ficklin was also an honorable mention NJCAA All-American selection following his freshman season, after registering 78 solo tackles and 48 assists during the 2010 campaign. He has also been nominated for the 2011 NJCAA All-American Team.

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Other Warriors receiving post-season honors representing the MACJC South Division include center Tate Rogers (6-2, 285) of Louisville, return specialist Reggie Hall (5-9, 173) of Neville High School in Monroe, La., both sophomores, and freshman punter Rob Moffitt (5-11, 205) of Winston Academy, who were chosen second team All-State.

Hall was rated the top punt returner in the state, with three attempts for 93 yards, a 31-yard average. His

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longest effort was a 90-yard return for a touchdown. He was also ranked among the state's top kickoff returnees, as the sophomore speedster gathered 12 attempts for 308 yards, a 25.7-yard average.

Moffitt finished third in punting by averaging 40.9 yards on 49 attempts. His longest effort was 59 yards.



**Rob
Moffitt**

Warriors receiving honorable mention include offensive lineman Bart Whigham (6-foot-4, 315 pounds), a product of Northview High School in Dothan, Ala.; defensive back/running back Dennis Thames (6-0, 190) of Louisville; wide receiver Brock Hall (6-3, 200), of Paul W. Bryant High School, Tuscaloosa, Ala.; linebacker Tyrone Williams (6-0, 225), Thomasville (Ga.) High School; linebacker Darius Wren (5-11, 215), West Lauderdale; defensive lineman Semisi Tupou (6-4, 400), a product of Orange High School, Long Beach, Cal.; defensive lineman

Bradley Dorsey (6-6, 380), Morton; defensive back Jerrell Priester (5-10, 190), Fairfax High School, Ulma, S.C.; defensive back Ben Brooks (5-9, 175), Northeast Lauderdale; and defensive lineman Lakenneth Weidman (6-5, 235), South Leake.

East Central finished 2-7 overall and 1-5 in league play in 2011 under second-year head coach Brian Anderson.

The Warriors recorded victories over Itawamba Community College and Southwest Mississippi.

Anderson also served as interim head coach in 2009.

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Tate Rogers to Represent ECCC in All-Star Classic

From press reports

Standout offensive lineman Tate Rogers of Louisville is East Central Community College's lone representative in the 38th annual Mississippi Association of Community/Junior College (MACJC) All-Star Football Classic scheduled Saturday, Dec. 3, 2011, at Northeast Mississippi Community College. Kickoff is set for 1 p.m. at Tiger Stadium on the Booneville campus.

Rogers, a 6-2, 285-pound center, is a product of Louisville High School. He was also recently selected second team MACJC All-State and received the Warriors' team captain award at the Fall Sports Awards Banquet.

Twelve teams of the MACJC's 14 football-playing schools are scheduled to participate in the annual classic.

MACJC State Champion East Mississippi will be playing for the NJCAA Championship in the El Torro Bowl Saturday, Dec. 3, on the campus of Arizona Western College at Veterans Memorial Stadium in Yuma.

MACJC state runner-up Mississippi Gulf Coast will take on Blinn (Texas) Community College in the Mississippi Bowl scheduled Sunday, Dec. 4 at Biloxi Indians Stadium.

Tim Hatten of Pearl River Community College serves head coach of the South squad and



Rogers

Ricky Woods of Northwest will direct the North All-Stars.

The North took the overall series lead at 18-17-2 following last year's 16-0 shutout, which ended the South's two-game winning streak.

For more information, contact Joseph Miller, NEMCC Sports Information Director, 662-720-7300.

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Receives football honors

Above are members of the 2011 East Central Community College football team who received honors at the annual Fall Sports Awards Banquet held Tuesday, Nov. 29 in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria on the Decatur campus. Seated from left are linebacker Darius Wren, and cornerback/running back Jerrell Priester, both honorable mention MACJC All-State; linebacker/running back Chris Ficklin, team captain award, most valuable defensive player, All-Region 23 and first team MACJC All-State for second straight year, honorable mention NJCAA All-American in 2010 and second team NJCAA All-American for 2011; and wide receiver/corner back/return specialist Reggie Hall, most valuable offensive player, second team MACJC All-State in 2010 and 2011; (standing from left) defensive lineman Semisi Tupou, honorable mention MACJC All-State; offensive lineman Tate Rogers, team captain and academic awards, MACJC All-Star and second team MACJC All-State; linebacker Tyrone Williams, honorable mention MACJC All-State; and offensive lineman Andre Lucious, academic award and honorable mention MACJC All-State. Not pictured is punter Rob Moffett, second team MACJC All-State. (EC Photo)

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McDill/Brown team wins 'Artic Blast' golf tourney

Lee McDill and Luke Brown fired a 10-under par 60 to take top honors in the "Artic Blast" golf tournament held Saturday, Feb. 26 at Decatur Country Club.

Stacey Sykes and Brent McMillan finished second with a 61.

In the first flight, Lowery McGee and Ricky Chaney shot a 67 to capture the top spot over Mark Cochran and T. J. Cochran, who also carded a 67 but were edged in a scorecard playoff.

Daniel Moody and David Moody won the second flight with a 72. Colby McLain and Ray Durr posted a 74 to finish second. The two-person scramble served as fundraiser for the ECCC Golf

Team.

"We very much appreciate everyone who participated in the tournament and provided other support for our golf program," said Chris Clark, Warrior golf coach.

Tournament results are listed below:

Championship Flight

L. McDill/L. Brown, 60; S. Sykes/B. McMillan, 61; L. Hollingsworth/D. Wilson, 62; D. Moore/D. Shimfessel, 64; D. Luke/S. Dellaria, 64; R. McElhenney/J. Watkins, 65; T. Davis/A. Davis, 65; J. Walters/T. Rainer, 65; J. Nelson/N. Pettigrew, 66; K. Stringer/G. Paes, 67.

First Flight

L. McGee/R. Chaney, 67; M. Cochran/T.J. Cochran, 67; T. McElhenney/M. Killens, 67; R. Luke/C. McDonald, 67; R. Harris/N. Nance, 68; C. Weaver/H. Weaver, 68; C. Harris/C. Harris, 69; R. Barnett/K. Jones, 69; M. Stamper/S. Gressett, 71; S. Lewis/H. Lewis, 72.

Second Flight

D. Moody/D. Moody, 72; C. McLain/R. Durr, 74; J. Nance/D. Nance, 77; C. Stamper/S. Mills, 78; J. Knight/J. Weaver, 78; K. Clarke/J. Blount, 79; O. Amis/L. Hughes, 79; S. Thames/B. Parker, 80; T. Martinez/N. Martinez, 86; and T. Keith/D. Mather, 92.

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McDonald drains hole-in-one on MSU golf course

East Central Community College sophomore golfer Crosby McDonald of Carthage made a hole-in-one while participating with team members in the East Mississippi Community College Invitational held April 3-4 at the Mississippi State University golf course in Starkville.

McDonald aced the par-three number 10 using a pitching wedge during first-round action.

It was the Leake Academy product's second hole-in-one but first ace in tournament competition.

"It was very exciting...and there was a lot of yelling when the ball went into the hole," said McDonald of his accomplishment. "It was a moment I'll never forget."

McDonald's and the Warrior linksters carded a 665 (330-335) and finished ninth in the 36-hole event, won by Northwest Mississippi Community College, which shot 606



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(311-295).

Mississippi Gulf Coast finished second at 611 (315-296), followed by East Mississippi, 612 (315-297), Copiah-Lincoln, 617 (316-301), Hinds, 634 (325-309), Jones County, 653 (332-321), Itawamba, 653 (322-331), ECCC and Holmes,

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680 (347-333).

Luke Brown of Carthage led ECCC with a 10 over par 152 (79-73) and tied for seventh. Other scorers were Cole Harris of Decatur, 161 (83-78), Colby McLain of Philadelphia, 176 (88-88), McDonald, 176 (89-87), Hayden Weaver of Decatur, 180 (83-97) and Daniel Moody of Carthage, 182 (85-97).

Chris Clark serves as

ECCC golf coach.

The Warriors were scheduled to begin play in the MACJC State Championship Monday at Deerfield Country Club in Canton. Holmes Community College will serve as host.

The NJCAA Region 23 Championship is set April 18-19 at Riverbirch Golf Club in Amory. Itawamba Community College is the host team.

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ECCC Warrior Golf Classic set for June 30 at Dancing Rabbit

East Central Community College students will again be the top prize winner when the annual Warrior Golf Classic is held this summer at the Dancing Rabbit Golf in Choctaw.

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This year's four-person scramble is scheduled Thursday, June 30, on the Oaks Course. Registration begins at 9 a.m. and will be followed by a shotgun start at 10 a.m.

Sponsored by the ECCC Alumni Association, the 10th annual event provides funding for student scholarships.

"The Warrior Golf Classic provides much-needed and appreci-

ated scholarships for East Central students," said tournament coordinator Dr. Stacey Hollingsworth, who serves as executive director for foundation and alumni relations.

"Since the tournament began in 2001, more than \$30,000 in scholarships has been awarded to students who reside in our five-county district. We certainly appreciate the support received for the tournament the past 10 years and encourage others to participate in this very worthwhile event."

Entry fee is \$125 per person, which includes green fee, golf cart, T-shirt, lunch, and give-aways.

Corporate sponsorships are also available at the following levels: Gold, \$650 (includes fees for a four-person team and a hole sponsorship); Silver, \$400 (includes fees for two players and a hole sponsorship); and Bronze, \$200 (includes a hole sponsorship).

Awards will be presented to the Corporate Division champion and the top three finishers in each flight. Various on-course prizes will also be provided.

For more information, contact Dr. Stacey Hollingsworth, 601-635-6327 or call toll free, 877-462-3222, ext. 327. Her e-mail address is sholling@eccc.edu.

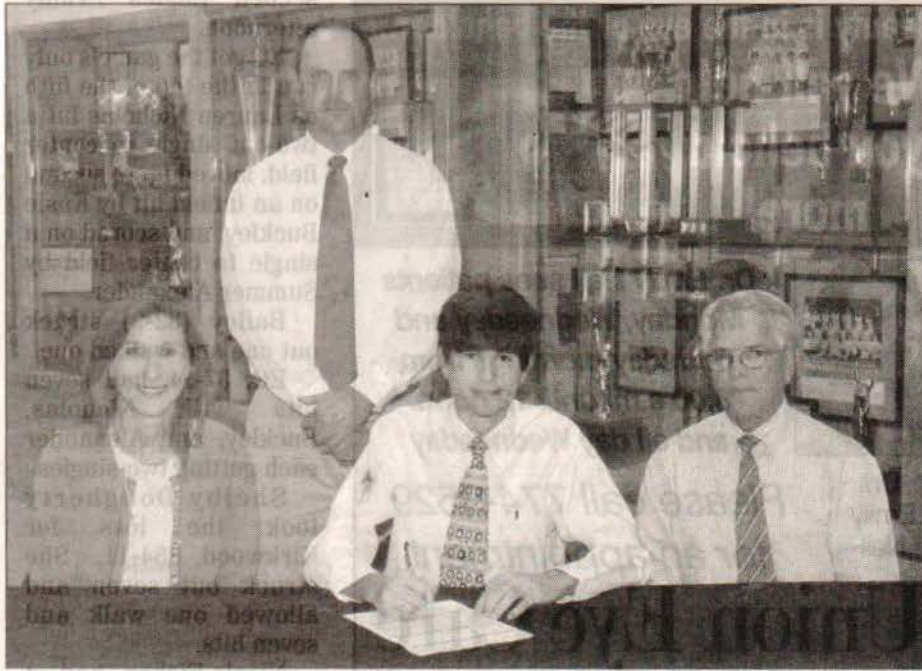


ECCC Golfers
East Central Community College's golf team for 2011 includes (from left) Colby McLain, of Neshoba Central, Crosby McDonald of Leake Academy, Cole Harris and Hayden Weaver, both of Newton County; Luke Brown of Carthage, Daniel Moody of Leake Academy, and coach Chris Clark.
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McDill Inks ECCC Golf Scholarship

Lee McDill (seated center), a standout golfer at Newton County High School, is shown signing a national letter of intent to continue his career at East Central Community College. McDill received District 5, Division 4-4A Golf Tournament Medalist honors in 2010 and earned team medalist recognition the past three years. He was chosen on the All-District Team from 2008-11. With the new Warrior linkster are his parents, Teresa and Wayne McDill of Decatur and standing is Chris Clark, ECCC golf coach.

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ECCC Warrior Golf Classic second flight, third place

The La-Z-Boy South Team 1 finished third in the second flight in the Warrior Golf Classic by recording an eight-under par 64 in the four-person select held June 30 on the Oaks Course at the Dancing Rabbit Golf Club in Choctaw. Team members include, from left, Randy McDill of Decatur, Ronnie Poythress of Meridian, Brian Waddell of Philadelphia and Danny Simoneau of Louin. The annual tournament is sponsored by the East Central Community College Alumni Association and serves as a fundraiser for student scholarships. This year's Warrior Golf Classic netted almost \$8,200 in scholarship funds for area students. (EC Photo)

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Carthage team wins third EC Classic



Cox and Associates of Carthage captured a third-straight Warrior Golf Classic by recording an 18-under par 54 in the four-person select held June 30 on the Oaks Course at the Dancing Rabbit Golf Club in Choctaw. The Cox team has won the corporate division for four consecutive years. Team members include, from left, Larry Waggoner and Aubry Cox, both of Carthage; Bob Jordan of Kosciusko; and Jimmie Bell of Carthage.

Golfers representing Cox and Associates Insurance in Carthage once again took top honors in the 10th Annual Warrior Golf Classic held June 30, on the Oaks Course at the Dancing Rabbit Golf Club in Choctaw.

The winning team – comprised of Aubry Cox, Jimmie Bell and Larry Waggoner, all of Carthage and Bob Jordan of Kosciusko – posted an 18-under par 54 to win the four-person select for a third straight year. The Cox team has won the corporate division four consecutive years.

The Southern Pine Electric Power team – whose members included

Chad Lewis and Jason Mangum, both of Decatur, and Jason Siegfried and Michael Tolbert, both of Brandon – came in second with a score of 56.

Twenty-one teams participated in the annual ECCC Alumni Association-sponsored fundraiser for student scholarships, which this year netted nearly \$8,200.

“We want to express a big thank-you to all the golfers and sponsors who helped make the Warrior Golf Classic one of the most successful in its 10-year history,” said tournament coordinator Dr. Stacey Hollingsworth, executive director of

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Foundation and Alumni Relations. "Thanks to the generous support of our alumni and friends of the College, more than \$35,000 in scholarships has been awarded to area students since the tournament's inception in 2001."

Also competing in the Championship Flight was the Community Bank team including Tim Leitaker and Matt Gregory of Carthage, along with Steve Gibson and Randy Dilley, both of

Forest. The team had a score of 57.

Winning First Flight honors with a score of 59 was IN Sports, Inc., whose team included Greg Nowell, Jason Fulton and Jim Eakes, all of Philadelphia, and Wes Kight of Louisville. The Van Chancellor Team (Heze Chancellor of Louisville and Nick Shelton, Scott Watkins and Wes Carter, all of Kosciusko) finished runner-up at 60.

Placing third in the First Flight were Tyson Foods of Forest (David Mantooth of Fayetteville, AR, Ray Ables of Brandon, AR, Stan Varner of Magee and Eddie McDill of Forest), 62. Other First Flight competitors included the First Financial Bank Team 1 including Brad Ogletree and N.L. Carson, both of Carthage, and Jerry Bullard and Chris Hegi, both of El Dorado, AR, with a score of 62.

First Financial Bank

Team 2 featuring Billy Mack Stuart, Terry Thomas and Van Ray Bowman, all of Carthage and Steve Cameron of El Dorado, AR, took Second Flight honors with a 63.

Tyson Foods of Carthage also competed with a score of 74. Team members were Carl McCann of Madden and Jarl O'Barr, John Kyker and Mike Smith, all of Brandon.

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ECCC Warrior Golf Classic second flight runners-up

The Chahta Enterprise team finished Second Flight runners-up in the Warrior Golf Classic by recording a nine-under par 63 in the four-person select held June 30 on the Oaks Course at the Dancing Rabbit Golf in Choctaw. Team members include (from left) James Robinson of Choctaw, Derek Skidmore of Baton Rouge and Ryan McKay and Mark McKay, both of Philadelphia. The annual tournament is sponsored by the East Central Community College Alumni Association and serves as a fundraiser for student scholarships. This year's Warrior Golf Classic netted almost \$8,200 in scholarship funds for area students. (EC Photo)

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Cox Team captures ECCC Warrior Golf Classic

From press reports

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The winning team - comprised of Aubry Cox, Jimmie Bell and Larry Waggoner, all of Carthage and Bob Jordan of Kosciusko - posted an 18-under par 54 to win the four-person select for a third straight year. The Cox team has won the corporate division four consecutive years.



The Van Chancellor team finished First Flight runners-up in the Warrior Golf Classic by recording a 12-under par 60 in the four-person select held June 30 on the Oaks Course at the Dancing Rabbit Golf Club in Choctaw. Team members include (from left) Nick Shelton and Scott Watkins, both of Kosciusko; Heze Chancellor of Louisville; and Wes Carter of Kosciusko. The annual tournament is sponsored by the East Central Community College Alumni Association and serves as a fundraiser for student scholarships. This year's Warrior Golf Classic netted almost \$8,200 in scholarship funds for area students.



The IN Sports, Inc. team took First Flight honors in the Warrior Golf Classic by recording a 13-under par 59 in the four-person select held June 30 on the Oaks Course at the Dancing Rabbit Golf Club in Choctaw. Team members include (from left) Jim Eakes of Philadelphia, Wes Kight of Louisville, and Greg Nowell and Jason Fulton, both of Philadelphia. The annual tournament is sponsored by the East Central Community College Alumni Association and serves as a fundraiser for student scholarships. This year's Warrior Golf Classic netted almost \$8,200 in scholarship funds for area students.

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"We want to express a big thank-you to all the golfers and sponsors who helped make the Warrior Golf Classic one of the most successful in its 10-year history," said tournament coordinator Dr. Stacey Hollingsworth, executive director of Foundation and Alumni Relations. "Thanks to the generous support of our alumni and friends of the College, more than \$35,000 in scholarships has been awarded to area students since the tournament's inception in 2001."

Other teams competing in the Championship Flight included Howard Industries (Rusty Thoms and Craig Robertson, both of Madison, Michael Greene of Birmingham and Mark Power of Pearl), 56; Stifel Nicolaus & Company (Chris Harris and Cole Harris, both of Decatur, and Brian Temple and Barry Boatner, both of Meridian), 57; Community Bank (Steve Gibson and Randy Dilley, both of Forest and Tim Leitaker and Matt Gregory, both of Carthage), 57; Ron Perkins Team (Ron Perkins and John Wright, both of

Louisville, Travis Naccarato of Canton and Chris Hallmark of Brandon), 57; and The Citizens Bank of Philadelphia (Ken Jones, Rusty Barnett and James Jones, all of Decatur and Trey Davis of Collinsville), 58.

Winning First Flight honors with a score of 59 was IN Sports, Inc., whose team included Greg Nowell, Jason Fulton and Jim Eakes, all of Philadelphia, and Wes Kight of Louisville. The Van Chancellor Team (Heze Chancellor of Louisville and Nick Shelton, Scott Watkins and Wes Carter, all of Kosciusko) finished runner-up at 60. Placing third in the First Flight were Tyson Foods of Forest (David Mantooth of Fayetteville, AR, Ray Ables of Brandon, Stan Varnier of Magee and Eddie McDill of Forest), 62. Other First Flight competitors were Newton Junction (Joey Walters and Michael Graham, both of Union, Neil Pettigrew of Philadelphia and Wayne Heilbronner of Kosciusko), 62; First Financial Bank Team 1 (Brad Ogletree and N.L. Carson, both of Carthage and Jerry Bullard and Chris Hegi, both of El Dorado, AR), 62; and Polycom/BT Conferencing (Roger Whitlock and Joseph Knight, both of

Union, and Ronnie Westbrook and Chris Clark, both of Decatur), 62.

First Financial Bank Team 2 (Billy Mack Stuart, Terry Thomas and Van Ray Bowman, all of Carthage and Steve Cameron of El Dorado, AR) took Second Flight honors with a 63. Chahta Enterprise (James Robinson of Choctaw, Dereck Skidmore of Baton Rouge and Mark McKay and Ryan McKay, both of Philadelphia) took second place at 63. Finishing third with a 64 was the La-Z-Boy South Team 1 (Ronnie Poythress of Meridian, Randy McDill of Decatur, Brian Waddell of Philadelphia and Danny Simoneau of Louin). Also competing in the Second Flight were Glynn Griffing and Associates (Glynn Griffing of Jackson, Milton Walker and Gage Walker, both of Brandon, and Calvin Herring of Terry), 67; Dr. John and Dr. Betsy Mann Team (Dr. John Mann, Dr. Betsy Mann and Dale Joyner, all of Philadelphia and Andy Sharp of Union), 68; Valley Services, Inc. (Tau Iosia of Meridian, Carl Wolf of Pelahatchie and Marty Puckett and Randy Roberts, both of Brandon), 69; La-Z-Boy South Team 2 (Don

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Mather and Chris Davis, both of Decatur, Kevin Rigdon of Union and Tom Keith of Decatur), 70; and Tyson Foods of Carthage (Carl McCann of Madden and Jarl O'Barr, John Kyker and Mike Smith, all of Brandon), 74.

Sponsors according to category include: GOLD - The Citizens Bank of Philadelphia, Community Bank (Forest), Cox and Associates Insurance (Carthage), First Financial Bank (Carthage), Glynn Griffing and Associates (Jackson), Howard Industries (Laurel), IN Sports, Inc. (Philadelphia), La-Z-Boy South (Newton), Drs. John and Betsy Mann (Philadelphia), Southern Pine Electric Power Association (Newton), Tyson Foods, Inc. (Carthage and Forest),

Valley Services, Inc. (Jackson) and Wal-Mart Supercenter (Philadelphia); SILVER - ESCO Corporation (Newton); BRONZE - B&G Equipment, Inc. (Philadelphia), Senator Terry C. Burton (Newton), Greg and Flo Henley (Starkville), Vaughn Brothers, Inc., Popeyes Chicken and Biscuits (Forest, Meridian and Philadelphia), and Watkins, Ward and Stafford (Philadelphia); HOLE-IN-ONE - All Par 3s - ECCC Foundation, Inc.; TEAM - BT Conferencing/Polycom, Chahta Enterprise (Choctaw), Van Chancellor (Baton Rouge, LA), La-Z-Boy South (Newton), Newton Junction (Newton), Ron Perkins (Louisville), Stifel Nicolaus & Co. (Meridian); DRIVE the MID-DLE CONTEST -

Birdies for Charity (Jackson); FOOD & BEVERAGES - Jerald and Rita Everett (Clinton) and Valley Services, Inc. (Jackson); DOOR PRIZES - John Boutwell (Clinton), Ann Burkes (Decatur), Cadence Bank (Philadelphia), Citizens National Bank (Philadelphia), ECCC Alumni Association, ECCC Bookstore, Jerald and Rita Everett, Dr. Bob Tom Johnson (Forest), La-Z-Boy South (Newton), Regions Bank (Philadelphia) and Jeanette B. Thrash (Decatur).

For more information on the ECCC Warrior Golf Classic, contact Dr. Stacey Hollingsworth, 601-635-6327 or call toll free, 877-462-3222, ext. 327. Her e-mail address is sholling@eccc.edu.

ECCC Warrior Classic nets nearly \$8,200

Golfers representing Cox & Associates Insurance in Carthage once again took top honors in the 10th Annual Warrior Golf Classic held on the Oaks Course at the Dancing Rabbit Golf Club in Choctaw.

The winning team — comprised of Aubry Cox, Jimmie Bell and Larry Waggoner, all of Carthage; and Bob Jordan of Kosciusko — posted an 18-under par 54 to win the four-person select for a third-straight year. The Cox team has won the corporate division four consecutive years.

The Southern Pine Electric Power team — whose members included Chad Lewis and Jason Mangum, both of Decatur, and Jason Siegfried and

Michael Tolbert, both of Brandon — came in second with a score of 56.

Twenty-one teams participated in the annual ECCC Alumni Association-sponsored fundraiser for student scholarships, which this year netted nearly \$8,200.

"We want to express a big thank you to all the golfers and sponsors who helped make the Warrior Golf Classic one of the most successful in its 10-year history," said tournament coordinator Dr. Stacey Hollingsworth, executive director of Foundation and Alumni Relations. "Thanks to the generous support of our alumni and friends of the College, more than \$35,000 in scholarships has been awarded to area students since the tournament's inception in 2001."

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ECCC Warrior Golf Classic Runners-Up

The Southern Pine Electric Power team took runner-up honors in the Warrior Golf Classic by recording a 16-under par 56 in the four-person select held in late June on the Oaks Course at the Dancing Rabbit Golf Club in Choctaw. Team members include (from left) Chad Lewis of Decatur, Michael Tolbert of Brandon, Jason Mangum of Decatur, and Jason Seigfried of Brandon. This year's Warrior Golf Classic netted almost \$8,200 in scholarship funds for area students.

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GOLF CLASSIC CHAMPS



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Cox and Associates of Carthage captured a third-straight Warrior Golf Classic by recording an 18-under par 54 in the four-person select held June 30 on the Oaks Course at the Dancing Rabbit Golf Club in Choctaw. The Cox team has won the corporate division for four consecutive years. Team members include (from left) Larry Waggoner and Aubry Cox, both of Carthage; Bob Jordan of Kosciusko; and Jimmie Bell of Carthage. The annual tournament is sponsored by the East Central Community College Alumni Association and serves as a fundraiser for student scholarships. This year's Warrior Golf Classic netted almost \$8,200 in scholarships.

SECOND-PLACE HONORS



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Dowell joins ECCC linksters

Evan Dowell, seated, a former golf standout at Carthage High School, is shown signing a national letter of intent to continue his career at East Central Community College in Decatur. Dowell earned

All-District honors his senior year. Pictured with the new Warrior linkster are, standing, from left, parents Stanley and Renee Dowell of Carthage, and ECCC golf coach Chris Clark. (EC Photo)

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The annual East Central Community College Benefit Golf Tournament will be held Saturday, Oct. 29, 2011, announced Neal Holliman, Diamond Warrior head coach.

The two-person scramble, which serves as fundraiser for the Diamond Warrior program, gets under way at 8 a.m. on the Decatur Country Club course.

Entry fee is \$30 per person, which includes lunch.

Door prizes will also be awarded.

For more information, contact Coach Neal Holliman (601-635-6374) or assistant Justin Brewer (601-635-6226), or e-mail nholliman@eccc.edu or jbrewer@eccc.edu.

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Local ECCC golfer leads school team

Patterson earns high scores

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DECATUR — East Central Community College's golf team continued the fall campaign by participating in the Jim Redgate Invitational held Sept. 26 at Briarwood Country Club in Meridian.

The Warrior linksters finished fifth with a 651 score (333-318) in the event, won by the Central Alabama Community College team, which finished at 574 (285-289). Other teams and their respective scores included Meridian Community College, 584 (292-292); University of Mobile, 594 (296-298) and Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, 651 (311-300).

Shelby Patterson of Forest led EC by carding rounds of 78 and 79 for a 157 total.

Other team members and their respective scores include Lee McDill of Newton, 161 (81-80); Justin Hundley of Philadelphia, 171 (87-84); and Daniel Watkins of Springdale, AR, 171 (92-79). Colby McClain of Philadelphia is also a member of the team.

Chris Clark serves as golf coach.

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West Lauderdale High School soccer standout, Haley Covert, signed with East Central Community College in Decatur to continue her soccer career. Haley is a six-year player and a four-year starter for the Knights. Covert was joined by ECCC soccer coach Kenneth Thompson, West Lauderdale soccer coach Sonja Rowell, Kelly Covert, Tim Covert, and Renee Cove.

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JOINING THE WARRIORS



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Baleigh Germany (seated second at right), a soccer standout at West Lauderdale, has signed a national letter-of-intent to continue her career in 2011-12 at East Central Community College in Decatur. Germany, a forward/midfielder, has received first- and second-team All-District honors. Also pictured are her parents, Nicki (seated) and Chris (standing center) Germany of Meridian; ECCC soccer coach Kenneth Thompson (standing left) and West Lauderdale soccer coach Sonja Rowell.

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NEW WARRIOR



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Soccer player Jordan Galvin (seated center) signs a national letter-of-intent to continue his career in 2011-12 at East Central Community College in Decatur. Pictured with the new Soccer Warrior are his parents (seated from left), Sherry and David Galvin, and (standing from left) ECCC soccer coach Kenneth Thompson and Long Beach soccer coach Bo VonderBrugg.

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ECCC triple play

Three soccer standouts at Newton County High School have signed national letters of intent with East Central Community College in Decatur. Joining the Lady Soccer Warriors for 2011-12 are (seated second from left) sisters Claire Tadlock and Kelsey Tadlock, and Erin Thornton. Claire Tadlock, a defender/midfielder, is a five-time recipient of most valuable player honors at her position and received division most valuable player awards for four seasons. She was also named to the 2011 MAC Soccer All-Star Team. Kelsey was chosen

most valuable player at her position for the last four years and received division most valuable player recognition for the last three years. Thornton has twice received All-Division honors and was last year named the squad's most improved player. Also seated are ECCC soccer coach Kenneth Thompson (left), and Newton County soccer coach Chad Bond. Standing from left are the signees' parents, Rodney and Venita Tadlock, and Laura and Wes Lewis. Thornton is also the daughter of Donnie Benoit (not pictured). (EC Photo)

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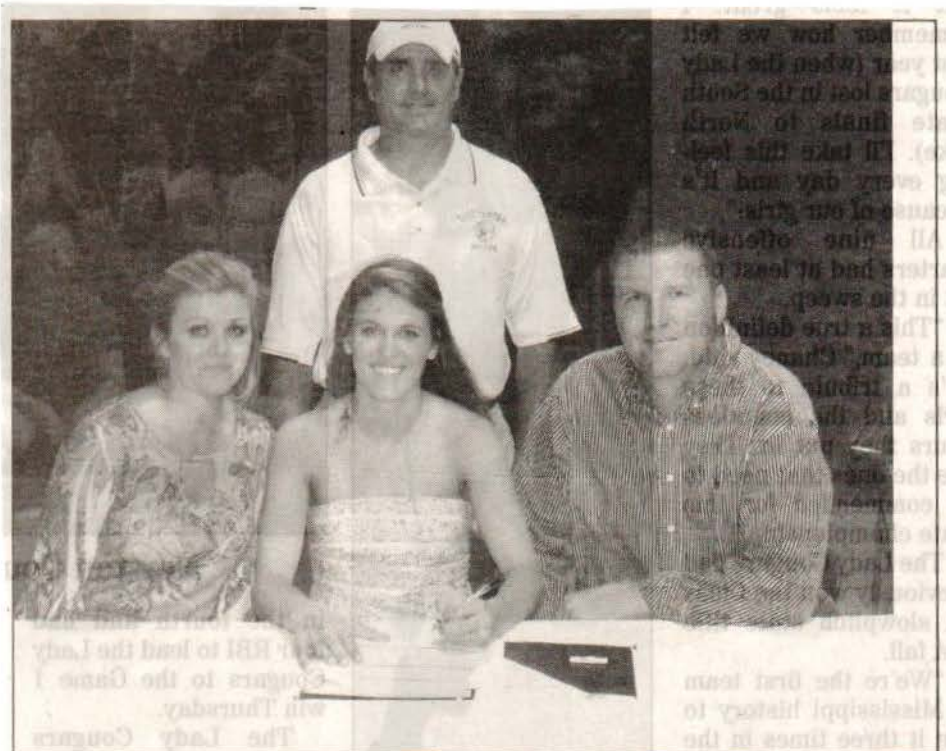
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Shimfessel Inks ECCC Soccer Scholarship

Lauren Shimfessel (seated center) of Newton is shown signing a national letter of intent to play soccer at East Central Community College. Shimfessel, a 5-foot-7 keeper, is a product of Newton County Academy. With the new Lady Soccer Warrior are her parents, Shelly and Donnie Shimfessel, and standing is ECCC soccer coach Kenneth Thompson.

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Scoggin Inks with Central Christian

East Central Community College soccer standout Aaron Scoggin (left) of Decatur is shown signing a national letter of intent to continue his career at Central Christian College in McPherson, Kan. Central Christian is a member of the NAIA and NCCAA and competes in the Midlands Collegiate Athletic Conference. With Scoggin is ECCC soccer coach Kenneth Thompson. Scoggin was a freshman midfielder for the Soccer Warriors in 2010 and earned MACJC All-State honors. He is a product of Newton County High School, where he received various awards including All-District recognition his sophomore and senior seasons. He was also selected team Most Valuable Player his senior season and earned Most Valuable Offensive Player honors as a sophomore. Scoggin spent his junior year at the Mississippi School for the Arts in Brookhaven, where he received All-District honors. His parents are Suzanne and Cliff Scoggin.

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Howell joins ECCC Soccer Warriors

Soccer standout Nathan Howell (seated right) of Selmer, Tenn., is shown signing a national letter of intent to continue his career at East Central Community College in Decatur. Howell, a 5-8 forward/midfielder, was the leading scorer for McNairy Central, which advanced to the state semi-finals in 2010 under head coach Nick Cook. Howell received All-District, Offensive Player of the Year and most valuable player honors following the successful campaign. Pictured with new Soccer Warrior are his parents, James and Tammy Howell, and standing at right is Kenneth Thompson, ECCC soccer coach.

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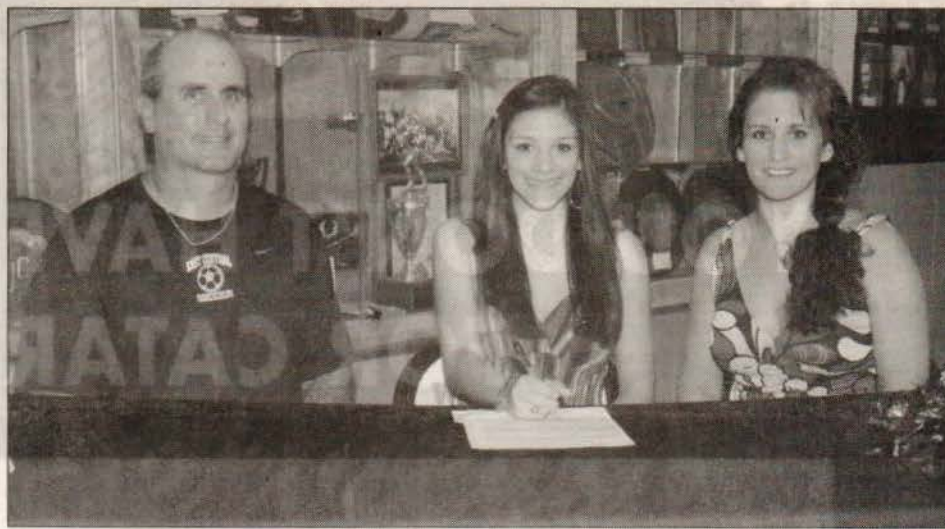
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Moreland Signs With EC Women's Soccer

Newton County High School soccer standout Lynea Moreland (center) of Decatur is shown signing a national letter of intent to continue her athletic career at East Central Community College in Decatur. She has five years soccer experience as a midfielder for coach Chad Bond's Lady Cougars and was named to the All-Division Second Team. In addition, she was an academic achievement award winner. Also pictured are the signee's mother, Shauna Grady (right), and ECCC soccer coach Kenneth Thompson.

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ECCC soccer players 'Fit and Ready' for season

From press reports

After three weeks of practice in sometimes 100-plus degree temperatures, East Central Community College's men and women's soccer squads are "fit and ready" to begin the 2011 season, according to Kenneth Thompson, who serves as head coach for both teams.

"We are looking forward to getting the 2011 season under way," said Thompson, who enters his 13th season leading the men's program and seventh season as coach of the women's squad. "We began practice on Aug. 4, and both teams have worked really hard to get prepared to make a run for the playoffs."

East Central, which competes in soccer in

La.; midfielders Josh Scafide of Long Beach; defenders Joey Lawn of West Lauderdale, Tyler Reeves of Newton County and Marshall White of Long Beach; and defender/midfielder Jared Walker of Greenville St. Joe.

Medrano received first team All-District and All-Metro honors in high school. Lawn was a second team All-District selection at West Lauderdale. Reeves was an All-Division selection while at Newton County. Walker's high school honors include most valuable offensive player of the year.

Thompson said he is also counting on his talented corps of freshmen, many of whom experienced success in high school. Included in the group are four



ECCC Men's Soccer Team

Members of the 2011 East Central Community College men's soccer team and their respective high schools include (first row, from left) forwards Erik Dries (1) of Gulfport and Frederick Davis (2) of Jackson Jim Hill; midfielders Tre Wilson (3) of Warren Central, Josh Scafide (4) of Long Beach, McGee Ledbetter (5) of Heritage Academy in Columbus and Jose Aju (6) of Eupora; forwards Andrew Hughes (7) of West Harrison HS in Gulfport and Nathan Howell (8) of McNairy Central in Middleton, Tenn.; and defender Joey Lawn (9) of West Lauderdale; (second row, from left) defender Bryor Shorter (11) of Florence; forwards Drew Norman (12) of Florence and Tyravian Miller (13) of Moss Point; midfielder Javon Campbell (14) of Oxford; defender Tyler Reeves (15) of Newton County; midfielder Clay Aikens (16) of McLaurin; forward Miguel Medrano (17) of East Ascension HS, Gonzales, La.; midfielder Luis Hernandez (18) of Paul W. Bryant HS, Tuscaloosa; defenders Marshall White (19) of Long Beach and Ryne Riebock (20) of Florence; defender/midfielder Jared Walker (21) of Greenville St. Joe; and (third row, from left) forward/midfielder Cody Myrick (22) of Nanih Waiya; forward Terrell Forte (23) of Newton County; keeper Jordan Galvin (24) of Long Beach; forward DeShawn Kitchens (25) of Florence; keepers Jared Canoy (00) of West Harrison and Jacob Norman (99) of Gulfport; managers Kyle Gentry of Neshoba Central, Kenneth Smith of Greenville St. Joe, Ryan Moore of Enterprise and Tiana Grover of Newton County Academy; and head coach Kenneth Thompson. (EC Photo)

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the MACJC North Division, begins the new campaign Friday, Aug. 26 with Copiah-Lincoln Community College in a non-division matchup. Game times are 2 and 4 p.m. on the Decatur campus.

Thompson said the men's squad features eight sophomores and 17 freshmen. Most of the returnees were also starters...and their experience will play a key role in the team's success.

"The entire starting defense returns along with our leading scorer (forward Erik Dries of Gulfport)," Thompson said. "These guys will obviously have an impact on our success this year." Dries received the Soccer Warriors' Golden Boot and hustle awards last season.

In addition to Dries, returnees are forwards Frederick Davis of Jackson Jim Hill and Miguel Medrano, a product of East Ascension HS in Gonzales,

players from 4-A state champion Florence High School - defenders Bryor Shorter and Ryne Riebock, and forwards Drew Norman and DeShawn Kitchens. Shorter and Riebock were All-District selections.

The Warrior head coach said another strength of the teams "is the quality of both keepers," freshmen Jared Canoy of West Harrison High School and Jacob Norman of Gulfport.

"They should push each other for playing time," said Thompson.

Canoy received All-District and team most valuable player honors at West Harrison.

Thompson said freshman McGee Ledbetter of Heritage Academy in Columbus "should provide some excitement at the forward position."

Ledbetter was an All-State and All-Star selection and received team most valuable player honors.

Other freshmen

include midfielders Tre Wilson of Warren Central, Jose Aju of Eupora and Clay Aikens of McLaurin; forwards Andrew Hughes of West Harrison HS in Gulfport, Nathan Howell of McNairy Central in Middleton, TN; Luis Hernandez of Paul W. Bryant HS in Tuscaloosa and Javon Campbell of Oxford; forward Tyravian Miller of Moss Point; and forwards/midfielders Jordan Galvin of Long Beach and Cody Myrick of Louisville.

Wilson was the recipient of the most improved player award at Warren Central. Hernandez's high school honors include most valuable offensive player and most valuable midfielder. Hughes received All-District and Player of the Week honors.

Although smaller in

number, the Lady Soccer Warriors "are not devoid of talent," said Thompson.

Six returnees are included in the 16-person roster, which recently dwindled to 15 after sophomore midfielder Kristen Nettles of Forest sustained a torn ACL and will miss the entire season. Nettles is a product of East Rankin Academy. Nettles served as captain her senior year at ERA.

Other returnees include forward Carrie Rushing, sweeper Nikki Cumberland, midfielder/keeper Wendy McCracken, midfielder Emily Lucy and midfielder/defender Cayla Engle, all products of Newton County High School.

Rushing led the Lady Warriors in scoring and received the Golden Boot award. Cumberland,

McCracken and Lucy received All-District honors at NCHS.

Thompson said incoming players to watch include twins Kelsey (forward) and Claire (midfielder/defender) Tadlock, both of Newton County High School. Kelsey is a three-year recipient of All-District and most valuable forward honors. Claire's honors include All-District, MAC All-Star and defensive player and midfielder most valuable player honors.

Other members of the talented freshmen group include keeper Lauren Shimfessel, Newton County Academy; defenders T'Molia Curry-Jordan of Tuscaloosa Central, Erin Thornton of Newton County, Holly Doyle of McNairy Central in Ramer, TN; and

Haley Covert of West Lauderdale; midfielders Lynea Moreland of Newton County and Baleigh Germany of West Lauderdale; and forward Jalesia Howell-el of Tuscaloosa Central.

Receiving honors at their respective high schools included Jordan, most improved; Thornton, All-District and most improved; Covert, first team All-District; Germany, three-year recipient of first team All-District recognition; Moreland, second team All-Division; and Howell-el, most valuable player.

Team managers and their respective high schools are Kyle Gentry of Neshoba Central, Kenneth Smith of Greenville St. Joe, Ryan Moore of Enterprise and Tiana Grover of Newton County Academy.

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ECCC Lady Soccer Warriors

Members of the 2011 East Central Community College women's soccer team and their respective high schools include (first row, from left) forward Carrie Rushing and midfielder/keeper Wendy McCracken, both of Newton County; defender T'Molia Curry-Jordan of Tuscaloosa (Ala.) Central; keeper Lauren Shimfessel, Newton County Academy; midfielders Lynea Moreland of Newton County and Baleigh Germany of West Lauderdale; and defender Claire Tadlock of Newton County; (second row) defender Erin Thornton, Newton County; forward Jalesia Howell-el, Tuscaloosa Central; defender Nikki Cumberland, midfielder Emily Lucy (14), and midfielder/defender Cayla Engle, all of Newton County; defender Holly Doyle, McNairy Central, Ramer, Tenn.; forward Kelsey Tadlock, Newton County; midfielder Kristen Nettles, East Rankin Academy; and defender Haley Covert, West Lauderdale; and (back row) managers Ryan Moore of Enterprise, Kyle Gentry of Neshoba Central, Kenneth Smith of Greenville St. Joe, and Tiana Grover of Newton County Academy; and head coach Kenneth Thompson. The Lady Warriors are off to an 0-4 start, losing to Pearl River (8-0), Copiah-Lincoln (3-2), Gulf Coast (8-0), and Jones (5-0).

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ECCC soccer squad battles Jones to tie

East Central Community College and Jones County Junior College men's soccer squads battled to a 2-2 deadlock in double overtime Friday, Sept. 2 on the Decatur campus.

Freshman McGee Ledbetter of Heritage Academy scored on a free kick and sophomore Erik Dries tallied on a header assisted by sophomore Joey Lawn of West Lauderdale for the Warriors, whose record stands at 0-2-1 after earlier defeats to Co-Lin and Gulf Coast.

The Lady Soccer Warriors were blanked 5-0 by the Lady Bobcats and

dropped to 0-3 on the young season, following earlier losses to Co-Lin and Gulf Coast.

Soccer action continues Friday, Sept. 9, as the Lady Warriors and Warriors travel to Southwest Mississippi Community College for non-division battles set for 2 and 4 p.m. on the Summit campus.

The next home games are scheduled with Hinds Community College on Wednesday, Sept. 14. Game times are 2 and 4 p.m.

Kenneth Thompson serves as ECCC soccer coach.

5K Run/Walk set

The fifth annual East Central Community College 5K Run/Walk will once again kick off a full day of homecoming activities scheduled Saturday, Oct. 8.

The 5K Run/Walk starts at 7:30 a.m. on the North campus, near the Clark/Gay Baseball Complex.

Entry fee is \$20 per person. Checks should be made payable to the ECCC Alumni Association.

For more information, contact Dr. Phillip Crenshaw at ECCC, 601-635-6281 or e-mail pchrenshaw@eccc.edu.

ECCC slates 5K run-walk for Oct. 8

The fifth annual East Central Community College 5K Run/Walk will kick off homecoming activities scheduled Saturday, Oct. 8, in Decatur.

The run/walk starts at 7:30 a.m. on the north campus, near the Clark-Gay Baseball Complex.

Entry fee is \$20 per person. Checks should be made payable to the ECCC Alumni Association.

All participants will receive a T-shirt and medallion.

For more information telephone Dr. Phillip Crenshaw at 601-635-6281 or e-mail pchrenshaw@eccc.edu.

For information on all homecoming activities, telephone Dr. Stacey Hollingsworth, executive director for Foundation and Alumni Relations, at 601-635-6327 or, toll free, 877-462-3222, ext. 327, or e-mail sholling@eccc.edu.

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EC soccer sweeps SW

East Central Community College's soccer teams posted their first wins of the 2011 campaign by sweeping Southwest Mississippi Community College Friday, Sept. 9 on the Summit campus.

The Lady Warriors (1-5) posted a 4-2 victory and the Warriors (2-3-1) managed a 5-3 decision.

Freshman forward Kelsey Tadlock scored three goals in leading EC to the non-division victory.

The Newton County High School product currently leads the MACJC North Division in scoring with five goals and no assists for 10 points.

She is also ranked fourth in the state. Tadlock's sister, freshman defender Claire Tadlock,

also of Newton County, was credited with an assist.

Bailey Germany scored the fourth goal for EC. Germany is a freshman midfielder from West Lauderdale High School.

Scorers for the Warriors were McGee Ledbetter (2), Drew Norman, Luis Hernandez and Erik Dries. Ledbetter, a freshman midfielder from Heritage Academy in Columbus, is currently fourth in the division and state with five goals and no assists for 10 points.

Norman is a freshman forward from Florence and Hernandez is a freshman midfielder from Paul W. Bryant High School in Tuscaloosa, Ala. Dries, a sophomore forward, hails from Gulfport High

School.

Warriors credited with scoring assists included Dries (2); Hernandez; Nathan Howell, a freshman forward from McNairy Central HS in Middleton, TN; and Jared Walker, a sophomore defender/midfielder from Greenville St. Joe HS.

EC squads begin MACJC North Division by challenging Hinds Community College Wednesday, Sept. 14. Game times are 2 and 4 p.m. on the Decatur campus.

The Lady Warriors and Warriors host division opponent Itawamba Community College Friday, Sept. 16. The women's contest begins at 2 p.m. followed by the men's matchup at 4 p.m.

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ECCC soccer teams close season with losses

Soccer season concluded on October 18 for East Central Community College squads who fell to Holmes Community College in MACJC North Division competition on the Ridgeland campus.

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The Lady Soccer Warriors were blanked 2-0 and wrapped up the 2011 campaign at 3-14 overall and 1-7 in league play.

Freshman forward Kelsey Tadlock of Decatur led the division in scoring with 12 goals and two assists for 26 points. The Newton County High School product is currently ranked sixth in the state pending the outcomes of other season-ending matches.

The Warrior-Bulldog men's matchup went into overtime, where the host team escaped with a 4-3 decision.

Scoring for EC were freshmen Tre Wilson of Vicksburg, Deshawn Kitchens of Florence and McGee Ledbetter of Columbus. Wilson and Ledbetter are both midfielders and products of Warren Central High School and Heritage Academy, respectively. Kitchens is a forward and hails from Florence High School.

Ledbetter finished season action with seven goals and two assists for 16 points, which placed him seventh among division scorers and 13th in the state, pending the outcomes of other season-ending matches.

The Warriors finished 4-10-3 overall and 1-5-2 in division action. Five of the Warrior matches went into overtime.

Kenneth Thompson serves as ECCC soccer coach.

ECCC golf tournament set

The annual East Central Community College Benefit Golf Tournament will be held Saturday, Oct. 29, announced Neal Holliman, Diamond Warrior head coach.

The two-person scramble, which serves as fundraiser for the Diamond Warrior program, gets under way at 8 a.m. on the Decatur Country Club course.

Entry fee is \$30 per person, which includes lunch. Door prizes will also be awarded.

For more information, contact coach Neal Holliman (601-635-6374) or assistant Justin Brewer (601-635-6226), or e-mail nholliman@eccc.edu or jbrewer@eccc.edu.

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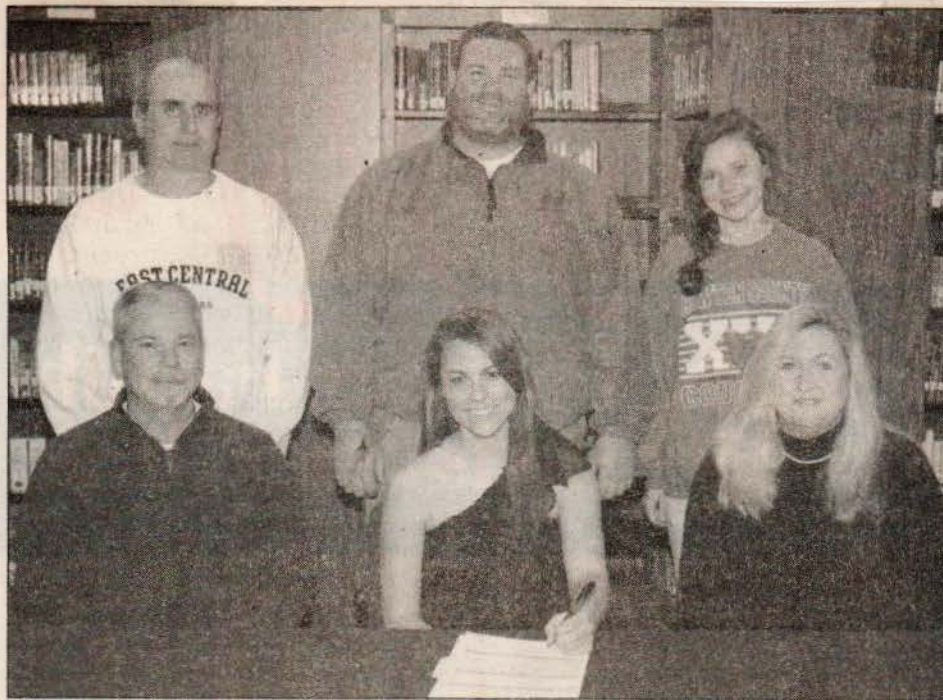
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Luke Joins ECCC Lady Soccer Warriors

Newton County High School soccer standout Morgan Luke (seated center) is shown signing a national letter of intent to continue her career next fall at East Central Community College. Luke, a midfielder, was a four-year starter on the varsity squad and a varsity team member since the seventh grade. She is a four-time recipient of All-Division honors and was named Most Valuable Midfielder in 2011 in addition to receiving other soccer awards. In addition to her soccer career at Newton County, Luke has played club soccer for MYSO in Meridian and for the Mississippi Fire in Jackson. Shown with the new Lady Soccer Warrior are her parents, Keith and Lori Luke, and (standing from left) ECCC soccer coach Kenneth Thompson, Newton County soccer coach Chad Bond, and Maggie Luke, Morgan's sister and fellow NCHS Soccer teammate.

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ECCC'S SOFTBALL SIGNEES



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Shown signing national letters-of-intent to continue their softball careers at East Central Community College in Decatur are (seated from left) pitcher/infielder Kaetlen Brown of Edgewater Academy in Deatsville, Ala.; and outfielders Marlee Massey and A. J. Peeler, both of Neshoba Central High School. Standing from left are ECCC head softball coach Scott Hill and assistant Kristin Chaney. The signing ceremony was held Jan. 1 in the Molly McGee Gold Room in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria at ECCC.

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Neshoba Central softball standouts ink with ECCC

Neshoba Central High School softball standouts Marlee Massey (seated second from left) and A.J. Peeler (seated third from left), both outfielders, are shown signing national letters of intent to continue their careers at East Central Community College in Decatur. Massey received All-District honors in fast- and slow-pitch softball and was presented the hustle award in fast-pitch. Peeler is also an All-District selection in fast- and slow-pitch softball and received the hustle award in slow-pitch. Lee Killen serves

as Neshoba Central's head softball coach. Seated at left is Lady Diamond Warrior head coach Scott Hill and at far right is assistant Kristin Chaney. Standing from left are signees' parents, Barry and Nichole Spears, Wade Massey, and Stacey Peeler, all of Philadelphia. The scholarship signing ceremony was held in the Molly McGee Gold Room in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria at ECCC. (EC Photo)

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EC softballers win twice

East Central Community College's softball squad won two of five matchups in the Northeast Mississippi Community College Tournament held Feb. 25-26 on the Booneville campus.

The Lady Diamond Warriors began competition by hanging on for a 1-0 decision over Josh Logan Community College Friday.

Taylor Bailey picked up the win and was also credited with the eventual game-winning RBI when her single scored Brittany Pounders in the third inning.

Bailey allowed just two hits and fanned nine batters in the shutout victory. She was also credited with two hits in addition to the game-winning RBI.

Newton County High

School product Summer Alexander also had two singles.

In the second contest Friday, the Lady Diamond Warriors sustained their first loss of the season with an 8-2 setback to Indian Hills.

EC jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the first inning but Indian Hills rallied for four runs in the bottom of the frame and added three runs in the second and one in the third to clinch the victory.

Hitters for EC were Alexander, double; and Nicholas, Abbie Joiner of Neshoba Central and Kasie Buckley of Newton County, singles each.

Buckley took the loss in the five-inning contest. She allowed two earned runs on eight hits through four innings. She also

fanned six batters and walked one.

East Central began tournament play Saturday by defeating Southwest Tenn. by a 5-1 margin.

Joiner and Haylee Roberts of Enterprise had two hits each to lead the offense. Joiner doubled and singled and had an RBI, and Roberts belted two singles and was credited with two RBIs.

Bailey was the winning pitcher.

In the second matchup Saturday, EC was unable to maintain a 5-1 lead after three innings and fell 7-6 to Northwest Shoals, which rallied for six runs in the fourth and held on for the victory.

ECCC completed tournament action by falling 8-4 to Itawamba.

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Lady Warriors sweep Holmes

By Marty Stamper

Appeal Sports Editor

The East Central Community College Lady Warriors went 4-3 on the softball diamond last week, sweeping Holmes and going 2-3 in the 2011 Northeast TigerFest at Northeast Mississippi Community College in Booneville.

EC entered this week with a 6-3 record.

The Lady Warriors were slated to go to Shelton State in Tuscaloosa, Ala., on Monday, go to Copiah-Lincoln today, then close out the week at home against Jones on Friday.

The Co-Lin and Jones

games open MACJC South Division action.

EC 10-11
Holmes 2-3

The Lady Warriors improved to 4-0 with last Wednesday's sweep of Holmes at Decatur. Both games were called after 4 1/2 innings due to the eight-run rule.

In the opener, Brittany Pounders launched a two-run homer down the right-field line in the first inning and Haylee Roberts added a three-run blast to left field in the fourth frame.

Taylor Bailey (2-0) got the win, allowing two hits and one walk, while striking out five.

Abbie Joiner had a

triple and a single, Lauren Nicholas had two singles, and Summer Alexander had a single and a double.

In the nightcap, Pounders had three singles and three RBI.

Kasie Buckley (2-0) got the win and had two singles and three RBI.

In the circle, Buckley allowed one earned run on four hits. She fanned four batters and walked two.

Nicholas and Joiner, both from Neshoba Central, had two singles apiece. Laurel Burnett of Neshoba Central added a triple.

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EC catcher Haylee Roberts applies the tag at the plate on Holmes' Lyn Browning in last week's 10-2 win in the first game of their doubleheader. EC sports a 6-3 record entering this week.

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EC 1

John Logan 0

Taylor Bailey (3-0) tossed a two-hit shutout as EC knocked off the Lady Vols from Illinois Friday at Booneville.

Bailey recorded nine strikeouts.

The Lady Warriors, 5-0, got the game's only run in the third inning on a RBI single by Bailey that plated Brittany Pounders.

Bailey and Summer Alexander both had two singles out of EC's six hits.

Indian Hills 8
EC 2

Haylee Roberts a pair of singles. Roberts also had two RBI. Summer Alexander had a double.

Taylor Bailey (4-0) got the win, allowing one run on five hits. She struck out four and walked one.

NW Shoals 7
EC 6

Northwest Shoals erased a 5-1 EC lead with six runs in the bottom of the fourth inning Saturday.

EC had tallied five times in the top of the third.

EC, 6-2, had six hits with Lauren Nicholas getting a pair of singles.

Brittany Pounders, Summer Alexander, Haylee Roberts, and Kelsi

The Iowa team spotted EC two runs in the top of the first, but took control with four in the bottom of the first and three more in the second inning of Friday's contest.

EC, 5-1, had just four hits with Summer Alexander getting a double and two RBI. Lauren Nicholas, Abbie Joiner, and Kasie Buckley each had a single.

Buckley (2-1) took the loss, allowing nine hits and a walk while striking out six.

EC 5
Southwest Tenn. 1

The Lady Warriors used a five-run fourth inning to knock off Southwest Tennessee Saturday.

Watson each had a single.

Kasie Buckley (2-2) took the loss, allowing five earned runs on nine hits — two of which were home runs — and a walk. She struck out four.

Itawamba 8
EC 4

The Lady Warriors fell to 6-3 with Saturday's loss to Itawamba.

Itawamba took a 5-0 lead with five runs in the top of the third inning and led 8-1 before EC tallied three times in the bottom of the seventh.

EC had 10 hits with Abbie Joiner going 4-for-4 with four singles. Kasie Buckley and Brittany Pounders both had home runs. Buckley also had a single and two RBI.

EC, 6-1, had eight hits with Abbie Joiner getting a single and a double and

Taylor Bailey (4-1) got the loss, allowing seven hits while fanning three.

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EC Warrior Netters clip Co-Lin

The East Central Community College men's tennis team registered a 5-4 victory over the Copiah-Lincoln Community College Wolves March 3 in Wesson.

Warriors winning their respective singles matches included Matt Griffin of Union, who defeated M. Hart, 6-4, 7-5, (8-6); Walt Stinson of Neshoba Central, a 6-3, 6-1 winner over J.

McLeod; and Josh Blackburn of Morton, who beat C. Haley, 7-5, 6-2.

In men's doubles, Griffin and Danny Smith of Carthage defeated Hart/J. Shelton, 8-5 and Stinson and Blackburn toppled Haley/McLeod, also by an 8-5 score. Zac White of Union and Jason Loris were blanked 8-0 by M. Huljev/M. Knezevic.

The Lady Warriors were not as fortunate and fell 9-0 to the Lady Wolves.

In women's doubles, Cassie Munn and Lauren Lurk, both

products of Newton County High School, fell to A. Lea/K. Case, 8-4, and Madison Nowell of Winston Academy and Carrie Rushing of Newton County lost to M. Case/A. Schimmel, 8-1.

In women's singles, Munn lost to Lea, 7-5, 3-6, 1-0 (10-8); Nowell fell to Case, 6-1, 6-0; Lurk lost to Schimmel, 6-1, 6-1; Rushing fell to C. Whitaker, 6-1, 6-1; and Anna Alexander of Little Rock lost to N. Magee, 6-0, 6-0.

Dianne and Pat O'Neill and Kyle Watson serve as ECCC tennis coaches.

ECCC softball team splits pair with Jones County

A six-run, first inning propelled East Central Community College's softball team to a 9-2 victory over Jones County Junior College in the first game of a Sunday doubleheader, but the visiting Lady Bobcats rallied for a 5-2 decision in the second contest to earn a split of the MACJC South Division battle.

Brittany Pounders led the first inning, scoring onslaught when her three-run homer gave EC a 5-0 advantage. Summer Alexander and Abbie Joiner also produced run-scoring singles in the inning.

Pounders, a freshman infielder from Southeast Lauderdale High School, added two singles in the opener for a perfect 3-for-3 performance at the plate. She was also credited with four RBIs and scored twice.

Joiner, who also belted a triple and added two singles, finished 4-for-4 with two RBIs and scored two runs. The freshman outfielder/infielder is a product of Neshoba Central High School.

Alexander added a single to her performance. She finished with the one RBI and scored once. Alexander is a sophomore outfielder/catcher from Newton County High School.

Other EC hitters included Lauren Nicholas of Neshoba Central, Taylor Bailey, a product of Bowie High School in Austin, TX, Haylee Roberts of Enterprise and Kelsi Watson of Smithville, singles each.

Bailey picked up the win, allowing no earned runs on two hits through seven innings. She fanned seven batters and walked

one.

In the second contest, Jones County jumped out to a 3-0 lead after two innings and held on for the victory.

Kasie Buckley, a sophomore infielder/pitcher from Newton County, led the EC offense with three singles. Nicholas was credited with two singles and scored EC's two runs. Bailey and Watson had singles each.

Buckley took the loss, as she allowed four earned runs on eight hits through five innings. She fanned three batters and walked one.

Jones County improved to 15-5 overall and 1-3 in league action following the split.

EC's softball program is led by head coach Scott Hill and assistant Kristin Chaney.

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Members of the 2011 East Central Community College softball team from Newton County include sophomores Summer Alexander (left) and Kasie Buckley, both of Little Rock. Alexander is an outfielder/catcher and Buckley is an infielder/pitcher. Both are products of Newton County High School.

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ECCC splits two division doubleheaders

By Marty Stamper

Appeal Sports Editor

The East Central Community College Lady Warriors split a pair of MACJC South Division doubleheaders with Copiah-Lincoln and Jones in last week's fastpitch action.

This week, EC was scheduled to host Mississippi Delta on Monday, then go to Mississippi Gulf Coast on Tuesday before playing in the Judson College Tournament in Selma, Ala., Friday-Saturday.

EC	3-4
Co-Lin	1-5

The Lady Warriors came away with a split at Wesson in last Wednesday's division doubleheader.

In the opener, EC hammered a dozen hits with Abbie Joiner going 3-for-4 with a double and two singles. Kasie Buckley had a solo home run and a single. Taylor Bailey had a single and a double.

Kelsi Watson had a pair of singles for EC, while Summer Alexander had a double. Haylee Roberts and Lauren Nicholas both had a single.

Bailey (5-1) got the win as she allowed only three hits in a complete-game performance. She struck out two and walked two.

Lakin Lockhart homered for Co-Lin.

Bethany Pinkston (9-2) took the loss.

In the second game, Co-Lin scored with one out in the bottom of the ninth on a sacrifice fly by Haley Sones to salvage a split.

EC had 11 hits with Joiner and Alexander both going 3-for-5. Laurel Burnett had a pair of singles. Nicholas and Watson both had a double, while Bailey had a single.

Buckley (2-3) took the loss, allowing six hits and five walks in 8 1/3 innings. She struck out seven.

Sarah Anthony (3-3) got the win

in relief of starter Brooke Delaughter who went 7 2/3 innings.

Lockhart and Emily Smith both had two singles for Co-Lin.

EC's record went to 7-4 overall and 1-1 in the division. Co-Lin's went to 11-7 and 1-1.

EC	9-2
Jones	2-5

The Lady Warriors again came away with a split in Sunday's rain-delayed doubleheader at Decatur. The game was originally set for Friday.

Brittany Pounders blasted two home runs in her three hits in EC's 9-2 win in the opener. Pounders had four RBI.

EC took control early, putting up six runs in the bottom of the first inning.

Taylor Bailey (6-1) allowed two unearned runs to get the win. She struck out seven and walked one.

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Leadoff batter Abbie Joiner went 4-for-4 with two RBI. One of her hits was a triple. Summer Alexander had a pair of singles.

Haley Brooke Smith had a double for the Lady Bobcats.

Lauren Candies (8-4) took the loss.

In the second game, Jones led 3-0 after two innings and held on to salvage a split.

EC had seven hits with Kasie Buckley going 3-for-4 with three singles. Lauren Nicholas had a pair of singles.

Buckley (2-4) took the loss, allowing five runs on eight hits and two walks in five innings. She struck out three.

Bailey tossed the final two frames, giving up no hits and no walks to go with a strikeout.

Smith and K.T. Perkins both had two hits for Jones with one of Perkins' hits being a double.

Ginger Lonergan (7-1) went the distance to get the win. She gave up seven hits and three walks to go with seven strikeouts.

EC's record went to 8-5 overall and 2-2 in division play, while Jones' went to 15-5 and 1-3.

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East Central Community College Softball Squad

Members of East Central Community College's softball team for 2011 are (seated from left) catcher Haylee Roberts, of Enterprise; pitcher Taylor Bailey, Bowie High School, Austin, Texas; infielder Chelsea Jones, Enterprise; outfielder/catcher Abbie Joiner and infielder Lauren Nicholas, both of Neshoba Central; outfielder Olivia Maher, East Ascension High School, Gonzales, La.; infielder/outfielder Lena Land, Milton (Fla.) High School; infielders Eden McGee and Laurel Burnett, both of Neshoba Central; and outfielder Haelie Allen, Leake Academy. Standing are managers David Galvin of Long Beach, Sarah Breland of Neshoba Central, and Jay Ethridge of Newton County; outfielder/catcher Summer Alexander and infielder/pitcher Kasie Buckley, both of Newton County; infielder Brittany Pounders, Southeast Lauderdale; infielder/catcher Kelsi Watson, Smithville; assistant coach Kristin Chaney, and head coach Scott Hill.

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ECCC on the softball field and the links

Gulf Coast Rallies to Defeat Lady Diamond Warriors

A five-run, sixth inning propelled Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College's softball team to a 5-2 victory over East Central Community College Wednesday in the first of two games scheduled on the Perkinson campus. The second contest was cancelled due to inclement weather.

The Lady Diamond Warriors grabbed a 2-0 lead in the top of the sixth following Brittany Pounders' run-scoring double and a sacrifice fly by Kelsi Watson.

Gulf Coast responded with five runs in the bottom of the frame, powered

by Courtney Fairley's two-run double which gave the Lady Bulldogs a 3-2 advantage.

Pounders went three-for-four at the plate to lead the EC offense. She finished with a double and two singles. The freshman infielder is a product of Southeast Lauderdale High School.

Watson, a freshman infielder/catcher from Smithville High School, collected two singles.

Singles each were recorded by Kacie Buckley of Newton County High School and Taylor Bailey, a product of Bowie High School in Austin, TX.

Bailey took the loss on the mound, allowing five earned runs on eight hits. She fanned four batters and walked one.

The Lady Diamond Warriors, whose record stands at 8-6 overall and 2-3 in the MACJC South Division, travel to Selma, Ala., March 11-12, to participate in the Judson College Tournament.

EC continues its road trip by taking on Pensacola Junior College Monday, March 14.

The Lady Diamond Warriors resume competition following spring break by hosting Shelton State Community College Saturday, March 19. Game times are 1 and 3 p.m. on the Decatur campus.

ECCC Golfers Participate in Co-Lin Invitational

East Central Community College's golf team par-

ticipated in the Copiah-Lincoln Community College Invitational held March 6-7 on the Wolf Hollow course and at Brookhaven Country Club.

The Warrior linksters finished eighth with a 644 (341-323) total. Host Co-Lin took top honors by carding a score of 614 (315-299). Also participating were Miss. Gulf Coast, 616 (320-296); East Mississippi, 619 (315-304); Jones County, 620 (306-314); Northwest Miss., 624 (317-304); Hinds, 627 (323-304); Northeast Mississippi, 633 (331-302); Itawamba, 664 (341-323); and Holmes, 708 (347-361).

Luke Brown of Carthage and Cole Harris of Decatur each shot a 154 total to lead EC. Brown had

rounds of 80 and 74 and Harris posted scores of 82 and 72. Brown is a product of Carthage High School and Harris hails from Newton County High School.

Other Warrior golfers and their respective scores include Colby McLain of Neshoba Central, 163 (85-78); Hayden Weaver of Newton County, 173 (87-86); and Crosby McDonald, 174 (88-86) and Daniel Moody, 182 (94-88), both of Leake Academy.

Next up for the Warrior golfers is the Northwest Mississippi College Invitational scheduled March 21-22 at North Creek in Horn Lake and Wedgewood in Olive Branch.

Chris Clark serves as ECCC golf coach.

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Lady Warriors go 4-0 with Pensacola, Shelton

By Marty Stamper

Appeal Sports Editor

The Lady Warriors of East Central Community College improved to 15-7 on the softball diamond with sweeps of Pensacola (Fla.) State College (10-0 and 3-1) and Shelton State (6-3 and 6-4) last week.

The Lady Warriors entered this week riding a six-game winning streak.

EC was slated to host Pearl River on Tuesday, then travel

to Southwest Mississippi on Saturday in a pair of MACJC South Division doubleheaders.

EC	10-3
Pensacola	0-1

The Lady Warriors needed only six innings to win the March 14 opener at Pensacola, Fla., with four runs in both the fifth and sixth frames doing most of the damage.

The Lady Warriors had 11 hits in the opener with Kasie Buckley driving in four runs with a double and a home run.

Brittany Pounders had a triple and a homer to plate a pair of runs. Abbie Joiner and Taylor Bailey both had a pair of singles.

Bailey (9-2) got the complete-game win, allowing three hits and no walks in six innings. She struck out six.

Lori Eckhard took the loss for the Lady Pirates.

In the second game, EC had only seven hits with Buckley going 3-for-4 with a double. Summer Alexander had a pair

of singles.

EC snapped a 1-1 tie with a run in the top of the fifth, then scored an insurance run in the seventh.

Buckley (4-5) got the win. She allowed just two hits and struck out two with no walks.

Jennifer Bazzel took the loss for PSC.

EC	6-6
Shelton State	3-4

The Lady Warriors improved to 15-7 with Saturday's sweep of the Lady Bucs

at Decatur.

In taking a 6-3 win in the opener, EC snapped a 3-3 tie with a run in the bottom of the fifth inning, then added a pair of insurance runs in the sixth.

Taylor Bailey (10-2) tossed a four-hit complete game to get the win. She struck out four and walked one.

EC had nine hits with Abbie Joiner and Summer Alexander both getting two. Both of Join-

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er's hits were doubles. Kasie Buckley and Brittany Pounders both had one double. Buckley drove in a pair of runs.

Hannah Pendley had two hits for Shelton State with one being a double.

Courtney Wilson took the loss.

In the second game, the Lady Warriors built a 6-0 lead over the first three innings and held on for the win as they completed the sweep of the Tuscaloosa, Ala., team.

EC had 10 hits with Buckley, Alexander, Pounders, and Bailey each getting two. Alexander and Pounders both had a double. Joiner added a triple and had two RBI.

Buckley (5-5) went 5 1/3 innings to get the win. She allowed four hits and three walks while striking out two.

Bailey got a save as she threw 1 2/3 innings of no-hit relief.

Molly Washington took the loss for the Lady Bucs.

Shelton State had four hits with Kayla Kelosky getting a solo homer and Amanda Dailey a double.

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Layna Phillips of Leake Academy contributed with a single.

Bailey went the distance to notch the win, allowing the lone run on seven hits. She also fanned three batters and walked one.

EC fell 2-1 in eight innings to Darton to conclude competition on March 11.

The Lady Warriors grabbed a 1-0 lead in the top of the eighth but Darton rallied for two runs in the bottom of the frame for the victory.

EC managed just one hit in the defeat – a single by Alexander.

Buckley took the loss, allowing one earned run on six hits through 7 1/3 innings. She also fanned six batters and walked one.

East Central completed tournament action by edging Wallace Dothan in extra innings followed by an easy win over Concor-

dia. Against Wallace Dothan, Nicholas scored from third on a throwing error in the bottom of the eighth to notch the victory.

Other hitters included Haelie Allen of Leake Academy with a double, a single and two RBIs.

Phillips scored one run in the game.

Buckley and Maher hurled two innings each and allowed no hits. Buckley fanned four batters and Maher fanned a batter and walked five. She also allowed the one run.

EC traveled to Pensacola Community College Monday, March 14, and recorded a pair of victories.

The Lady Diamond Warriors cruised 10-0 in the opener and held on for a 3-1 decision in the second contest, which was called after six innings.

Buckley and Pounders

each belted homers to lead the offense in the shutout. Buckley also doubled and was credited with four RBIs.

Bailey hurled six scoreless innings to notch the victory. She allowed just three hits and fanned six batters.

In the second win over Pensacola, Buckley led the offense with a double and two singles. She was also credited with an RBI.

Buckley was the winning pitcher, allowing the one run on just two hits. She fanned two batters.

East Central returned to action Saturday, March 19 by taking a pair of contests (6-3, 6-4) from Shelton State on the Decatur campus.

Joiner blasted two

doubles and Buckley and Pounders each had doubles to lead the offense in the opener.

Bailey grabbed the win, allowing two earned runs on four hits. She also fanned four batters and walked one.

In the second win over Shelton, EC jumped out to a 6-0 lead after three innings and held on for the victory.

Alexander and Pounders each doubled and singled and Joiner tripled to lead the offense.

Buckley hurled 5 1/3 innings and allowed one earned run on four hits. She fanned two batters and walked three. Bailey finished the contest by pitching a scoreless 1 2/3 innings.

Buckley led the offense with a home run, double and single. She was also credited with three RBIs and scored three runs.

Laurel Burnett of Neshoba Central also had three hits – a double and two singles. She also had three RBIs and scored three times.

the first contest and finished two-for-four at the plate with two RBIs. He also scored twice.

Jeremy May also had a productive outing for EC, as the former Newton County High School standout collected two singles, an RBI and scored on Kortbawi's two-run blast.

Other sluggers for EC included Charles Hill and Richie Long, both of Carthage. Colton Mitchell picked up the win for East Central, allowing five hits and two earned runs through six innings.

May also continued his hitting streak in the second contest, as he collected a double and two singles. He also knocked in a run.

Other hitters were Hill and Moore, singles each. Hill also had two RBIs.

Southpaw Pervis Mann, of CHS, hurled four scoreless innings in notching the victory, which was called after five innings due to the 10-run rule. He allowed two hits and fanned a batter.

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Lady Warriors win 6 out of 7 in Ala., Fla.

Spring break proved a successful time for East Central Community College's softball squad, which won six of seven contests to improve to 15-7 under head coach Scott Hill and assistant Kristin Chaney.

The Lady Diamond Warriors began competition by participating in the Judson College Tournament held March 11-12 on the Selma, Ala., campus.

EC won three of four contests in the two-day event by posting wins over Calhoun Community College (10-1), Wallace-Dothan (2-1) and Concordia (22-1). The lone set-

back was to Darton (2-1).

In the easy victory over Calhoun, which began competition on March 11, the Lady Diamond Warriors pounded 14 hits and were led by Abbie Joiner of Neshoba Central, who belted a double, two singles, and was credited with two RBIs. She also scored a run.

Also registering multiple hits were Summer Alexander of Newton County and Taylor Bailey, a product of Bowie High School in Austin, TX, who each had a double and single. Bailey was also credited with an RBI.

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EC Lady Diamond Warriors sweep SW

East Central Community College's softball team grabbed a pair of victories over Southwest Mississippi Community College Saturday, March 26 on the Summit campus.

The Lady Diamond Warriors won the opener by a 3-1 margin and held on for a 2-0 decision in the second contest.

With the sweep, EC improved to 18-8 overall in 5-4 in the MACJC South Division, while the Lady Bears dropped to 10-12 and 3-7.

Lauren Nicholas slapped two singles and Kasie Buckley and Taylor Bailey each doubled to lead the EC offense in the opener.

Nicholas, a product of Neshoba Central High School, also scored a run.

Buckley is a Newton County High School product and Bailey hails from Bowie High School in Austin, Texas.

Other hitters were Abbie Joiner of Neshoba Central and Haylee Roberts of Enterprise, who had singles each. Joiner also scored a run.

Newton County High School product Summer Alexander was credited with two RBIs and Brit-

tany Pounders of Southeast Lauderdale scored a run.

Bailey picked up the win, allowing the one run on three hits. She fanned four batters and walked one.

In the second victory, Pounders belted a double and single to lead the offense. She was also credited with an RBI.

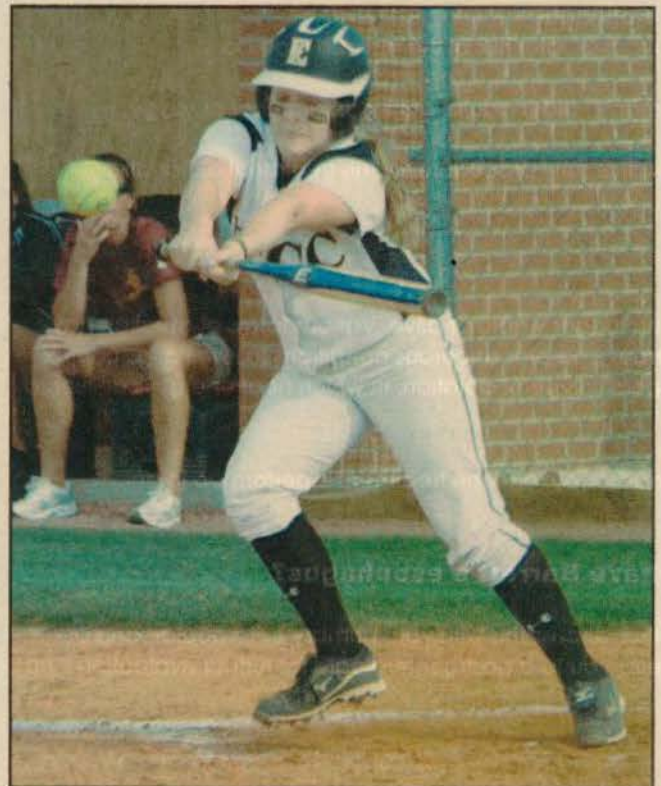
Other sluggers were Alexander, double; and Joiner, Nicholas, Buckley, Bailey and Roberts, singles each. Alexander also scored a run and Joiner knocked in a run. Kelsi Watson of Smithville also scored.

Bailey was again the winning pitcher, allowing just two hits in the shut-out. She fanned three batters.

The Lady Diamond Warriors host division foe Hinds Community College Wednesday, March 30. Game times are 3 and 5 p.m. on the Decatur campus.

East Central and Co-Lin will battle Saturday, April 2, in double-header action starting at 1 p.m. on the Decatur campus.

The College's softball program is led by head coach Scott Hill and assistant Kristin Chaney.



EC photo

Freshman outfielder/catcher Abbie Joiner slaps a run-scoring double on this effort and helped lead East Central Community College's softball team to a 5-1 victory in the first game of a twinbill with Pearl River Community College last week on the Decatur campus. Joiner also belted three singles and scored a run in the MACJC South Division matchup. The Neshoba Central High School product also found success at the plate in the second contest by connecting on three singles in a 6-5 setback to the visiting Lady Wildcats. She also scored a run in the loss.

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Lady Warriors grab three wins in league action

By Marty Stamper

Appeal Sports Editor

The East Central Community College Lady Warriors split an MACJC South Division doubleheader with Pearl River, then swept Southwest Mississippi to improve to 5-4 in league play and 18-8 overall.

This week, EC was scheduled to host Mississippi Delta on Monday and Hinds today before closing out the home-stand with Copiah-Lincoln on Saturday.

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EC 3-2
Southwest 1-0

The Lady Warriors got two outstanding pitching performances from Taylor Bailey in Saturday's league sweep at Summit.

EC 5-5
Pearl River 1-6

The Lady Warriors got a three-hitter from Taylor Bailey in winning the March 22 opener at Decatur.

Bailey (11-2) struck out seven with no walks.

Chelsea Jones led the EC offense with a pair of solo home runs. Abbie Joiner went 3-for-4 with a double. Summer Alexander also had a double to go with a single.

EC went up 3-0 with a three-run third inning and added sin-

gle runs in the fourth and sixth frames.

Sheila Hall took the loss for Pearl River.

Janeessa Dedeaux and Alyssa Graeter doubled for the Lady Wildcats.

In the second game, Pearl River snapped a 4-4 tie with a pair of runs in the top of the sixth.

EC had 11 hits with Kasie

Alexander had two RBI.

Aseye Attipoe homered for Southwest's only run of the doubleheader.

Ashlyn Grissaffe took the loss.

In the second game, Bailey (13-3) fired a two-hitter and the Lady Warriors scored single runs in the fifth and sixth

MACJC South Through March 27

Gulf Coast	8-1
Jones	7-3
Pearl River	6-2
East Central	5-4
Co-Lin	3-5
Southwest	2-6
Hinds	0-10

Buckley getting a pair of home runs as she had four RBI.

Kelsi Watson had two singles and a double in going 3-for-3. Joiner had three singles. Lauren

Nicholas had two singles.

Bailey (11-3) took the loss in relief, allowing three runs on six hits in four innings.

Buckley tossed the first three frames, giving up three

frames to complete the sweep.

EC had eight hits with Brittany Pounders getting a single and a double. Alexander also had a double.

Both of Southwest's hits were singles.

Whitney Moore took the loss for the Lady Bears, who fell to 2-6 in the division.

runs, only one of which was earned, on three hits. She struck out two with no walks.

Heather Hester got the win for Pearl River, striking out 10 and allowing 11 hits and three walks.

Dedeaux went 3-for-3 with a pair of doubles, while Hester had two hits including a home run.

EC's record went to 16-8 overall and 3-4 in the division with the split.

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Lady Warriors move into second with

By Marty Stamper

Appeal Sports Editor

A 4-0 performance in the MACJC South Division, thanks to sweeps of Hinds (9-1 and 8-0) and Copiah-Lincoln (3-0 and 3-2), moved East Central Community College into second place in the division softball standings.

The Lady Warriors entered the week 22-8 overall and 9-4 in the division, trailing only Gulf Coast at 12-1.

The Lady Warriors were

scheduled to play at Jones on Tuesday, then host Mississippi Gulf Coast on Friday in this week's action.

EC 9-8
Hinds 1-0

The Lady Warriors cruised to a pair of wins over Hinds last Wednesday at Decatur.

EC needed only five innings in each game to improve to 20-8 overall and 7-4 in division play.

In the opener, the Lady Warriors scored four runs in both the first and second

frames.

Brittany Pounders had a double and a homer to drive in five runs.

Kasie Buckley had a double, Kelsi Watson had a triple, and Summer

Alexander had two RBI for EC. Abbie Joiner scored three runs.

Taylor Bailey (14-3) got the win, allowing seven hits.

Erica Johns and Olivia

MACJC South Through April 3

Gulf Coast	12-1
East Central	9-4
Jones	9-5
Pearl River	9-5
Co-Lin	5-9
Southwest	3-9
Hinds	0-14

Tripp both had two singles for Hinds.

Courtney Carson took the loss.

Bailey (15-3) came back to throw a two-hit shutout in the nightcap.

The Lady Warriors had 14 hits with Bailey and Lauren Nicholas both getting three singles. Buckley had a double and Alexander and Pounders both had two singles.

sweeps

Pounders drove in three runs. Buckley also scored three runs.

Mackenzie Pettit had a single and a double to account for Hinds' only hits.

Rudi Aycock took the loss as Hinds fell to 7-21 and 0-12.

EC 3-3
Co-Lin 0-2

EC had just two hits off Co-Lin's Bethany Pinkston in the opener, but a three-run homer by Summer Alexander in the

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first inning was all Taylor Bailey (16-3) needed as she blanked the Lady Wolves on four hits Saturday at Decatur.

A walk to Abbie Joiner and a single by Lauren Nicholas preceded Alexander's blast.

Bailey struck out five in getting the win.

Pinkston (9-6) took the loss.

The heroics belonged to Chelsea Jones in the second game as her single to right field in the bottom of the seventh snapped a

2-2 tie and chased Laurel Burnett home from second base with the game-winning run.

Joiner had two singles as EC improved to 22-8 and 9-4.

Nicholas, Bailey, and Haylee Roberts each had one single for the Lady Warriors.

Bailey (17-3) went the distance in picking up her second win of the day. She struck out two and allowed three hits and one walk.

Sarah Anthony took the loss for Co-Lin as the Lady Wolves fell to 5-9 in the division.

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Splits keep Lady Warriors in

By Marty Stamper

Appeal Sports Editor

East Central Community College remained in second place in the MACJC South Division softball standings as the Lady Warriors split doubleheaders with Jones and Mississippi Gulf Coast last week.

EC entered this week 11-6 in the division and 24-10 overall.

This week, the Lady Warriors have the whole week to prepare for Saturday's key doubleheader at Poplarville

with Pearl River.

The top four teams in each division qualify for the eight-team, single-elimination, MACJC State Tournament, which will be held April 28-30 at the South Division champion.

Jones	5-4
EC	1-6

The Lady Warriors bounced back from a 5-1 loss in the opener to salvage a split with a 6-4 win at Ellisville on April 5.

In the opener, Jones built a 5-0 lead over the first six innings.

Both teams had 11 hits with Lauren Nicholas, Kasie Buckley,

and Chelsea Jones each getting two singles for EC. Haylee Roberts had a double.

Taylor Bailey (17-4) took the loss. She gave up 11 hits and one walk to go with three strikeouts.

Stacia Whitaker had two doubles and a single to lead Jones. Heidi Garcich had two singles. Mallory Cowart had a triple.

Ginger Lonergan (13-2) got the win. She struck out five

MACJC South Through April 11

Gulf Coast	14-3
East Central	11-6
Jones	10-6
Pearl River	9-7
Co-Lin	8-10
Southwest	6-10
Hinds	1-17

with no walks and allowed 11 hits, 10 of which were singles.

In the second game, a two-run double by Kelsi Watson in the top of the eighth carried EC past the

Lady Bobcats.

EC had 14 hits with Summer Alexander getting a triple and two singles. Nicholas, Abbie Joiner, and Brittany Pounders each had two hits with one of Pounders' being a double.

Bailey (18-4) got the win,

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day's opener with league-leading Gulf Coast, but were unable to hold a 3-0 lead in the second contest as they came away with a split in Decatur.

EC had a dozen hits in the opener with Kasie Buckley getting a single, a double, a home run, and two RBI. Summer Alexander had two doubles and a single.

Chelsea Jones added a single and a double. Brittany Pounders and Taylor Bailey both had a double.

Bailey (19-4) got the win as she tossed a two-hitter with six strikeouts and no walks.

Kris Albritton doubled for Gulf Coast.

Bayleigh Babin (12-4) took the loss. She gave up a dozen hits and one walk to go with two strikeouts.

In the second game, EC went up 3-0 on a two-run homer by Pounders in the first inning, but Gulf Coast scored twice in the third and once in the fifth, then took the win with a pair of runs in the top of the eighth.

Alexander, Bailey, and Abbie Joiner each had two hits for EC.

with one of Alexander's being a double.

Bailey (19-5) took the loss, allowing eight hits and one walk to go with a pair of strikeouts.

EC's record went to 24-10 overall and 11-6 in the division with the split.

Britton Ross had a single and a double to drive in three runs for Gulf Coast, 26-10 and 14-3. Courtney Moore also had a single and a double.

Linsey Dickerson (12-6) got the win, striking out three to go with nine hits and one walk.

second place

allowing six hits and no walks in 7 2/3 innings. She struck out three.

Shannon Mosley had a double and two singles for Jones. K.T. Perkins had two singles.

Lauren Candies (13-6) took the loss, giving up 14 hits to go with six strikeouts and no walks.

EC's record went to 23-9 overall and 10-5 in the division, while Jones' went to 26-8 and 10-6.

EC	8-3
Gulf Coast	0-5

The Lady Warriors needed only 4 1/2 innings to take Fri-

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EC, Gulf Coast split doubleheader

After posting an 8-0 shutout in the first game, East Central Community College's softball team dropped a 5-3 decision in extra innings in the second contest to split a twin bill with division leader Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College Friday, April 8 in Decatur.

The Lady Diamond Warriors are currently in second place in the MACJC South Division with an 11-6 mark followed by Gulf Coast at 14-3. EC is 24-10 overall and the Lady Bulldogs are 26-10. Jones County is third (10-6, 26-10) followed by Pearl River (9-7, 17-15), Copiah-Lincoln (8-10, 20-16), Southwest (6-10, 14-16) and Hinds (1-17, 8-26).

Kacie Buckley and Summer Alexander, both products of Newton County High School, had three hits each to lead the EC

offense in the opener. Buckley belted a home run, double and single and Alexander slapped two doubles and a single. Buckley was also credited with two RBIs and scored three runs. Alexander knocked in a run and scored once.

Other hitters were Chelsea Jones of Enterprise, double and single; Brittany Pounders of Southeast Lauderdale and Taylor Bailey, a product of Bowie High School in Austin, Texas, doubles each; and Abbie Joiner and Lauren Nicholas, both of Neshoba Central, singles each. Pounders also knocked in two runs and Jones, Joiner and Nicholas each had an RBI.

Also scoring runs were Nicholas, Bailey, Jones and Haylee Roberts of Enterprise.

Taylor got the win in the five-

inning matchup, which was called due to the eight-run rule. She fanned six batters and allowed just two hits.

In the second game, EC jumped out to an early 3-0 lead following Pounders' two-run homer but the Lady Bulldogs rallied to tie the division battle in the fifth inning and later claimed victory with two runs in the eighth inning.

In addition to Pounders, other EC sluggers were Alexander, double and single; Joiner and Bailey, two singles each; and Nicholas and Buckley, singles each. Alexander also knocked in a run and scored a run. Joiner also scored.

Bailey went the distance and took the loss, allowing four runs on eight hits. She also fanned two batters and walked one.

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EC splits with Pearl River

By Marty Stamper

Appeal Sports Editor

The East Central Community College Lady Warriors came away with a split in Saturday's MACJC South Division doubleheader with Pearl River, winning 3-0 in the opener and losing 2-0 in the second game in Poplarville.

This week, EC was slated to host Southwest Mississippi on Tuesday and go to Hinds on Friday.

The Lady Warriors travel to Mississippi Gulf Coast for a makeup game on April 25.

EC

3-0

Pearl River

0-2

Summer Alexander's three-run homer in the fourth inning provided all of the runs in the first game and Taylor Bailey threw a five-hit shutout as EC came away with a win.

EC's only other hits were a pair of singles by Lauren Nicholas.

Bailey (20-5) struck out four with one walk.

Brandy Rester had a single and a double for Pearl River.

Heather Hester (7-10) took the loss, despite giving up just three hits. She struck out five and walked three.

In the second game, Pearl River scored twice in the bottom of the first inning and Sheila Hall (11-7) threw a four-hit shutout as the Lady Wildcats salvaged a split.

EC got one single each from Bailey, Abbie Joiner, Kasie Buckley, and Chelsea

MACJC South

Through April 18

	Div.	All
Gulf Coast	18-3	30-10
Jones	14-6	31-10
East Central	12-7	25-11
Pearl River	11-9	19-17
Co-Lin	9-11	21-17
Southwest	6-14	NA
Hinds	1-21	8-30

Jones.

Bailey (20-6) took the loss, allowing six hits and no walks in five innings. She struck out two.

Rester had a single and a double for Pearl River. Jordan Adams also had a double.

EC's record went to 25-11 overall and 12-7 in division play, while Pearl River's went to 19-17 and 11-9.

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FROM KNIGHT TO WARRIOR



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West Lauderdale standout **Tori Taylor** signed on to continue her softball career at East Central Community College on Tuesday. Seated **left to right**: Dan Taylor (father), **Tori Taylor**, Barbara Taylor (mother). Standing **left to right**: Cary Luke (head coach at WLHS), Scott Hill (head coach at ECCC), Kristin Chaney (assistant coach at ECCC).

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East Central's Summer Alexander, right, rounds second base in last week's 6-3 win over Southwest Mississippi in Game 2 of their doubleheader in Decatur. The Lady Warriors swept Hinds Saturday to improve to 29-11.

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EC sweeps SW, Hinds

By Marty Stamper

Appeal Sports Editor

A pair of MACJC South Division sweeps closed out the regular season for the East Central Community College Lady Warriors last week.

The Lady Warriors swept Southwest Mississippi (8-0 and 6-3) and Hinds (8-1 and 7-0) to improve to 29-11 overall and 16-7 in the MACJC South Division. They placed second in the division standings behind Mississippi Gulf Coast.

The Lady Warriors head to Perkinston Thursday for the eight-team MACJC single-elimination state tournament.

EC opens the tournament at noon Thursday against Northwest Mississippi, 24-21.

EC	8-6
Southwest	0-3

The Lady Warriors capped "Sophomore Day" with the sweep of Southwest on April 19 at Decatur.

EC improved to 14-7 in the division and 27-11 overall with the two wins. Southwest dropped to 6-16 in league play.

In the opener, Taylor Bailey (21-6) tossed a four-hit shutout, striking out five and walking one in the five-inning win.

EC had seven hits with Haylee Roberts getting a two-run home run and four RBI and Brittany Pounders getting a two-run homer. Kelsi Watson added a double.

All of Southwest's hits were singles.

Ashlyn Grisaffe took

MACJC State Tournament

at Mississippi Gulf Coast CC, April 28-29

Thursday's games

noon — East Central (29-11) vs. Northwest (24-21)
2 p.m. — East Mississippi (23-20) vs. Pearl River (20-20)
4 p.m. — Jones (32-12) vs. Itawamba (28-17)
6 p.m. — Miss. Gulf Coast (32-10) vs. Northeast (24-21)

Friday's games

noon — Jones-Itawamba winner vs. Miss. Gulf Coast-Northeast winner
2 p.m. — East Central-Northwest winner vs. East Mississippi-Pearl River winner
5 p.m. — Championship, 5 p.m.

the loss.

In the second game, EC scored four runs in the bottom of the second inning to go up 5-0 and held on to complete the sweep.

The Lady Warriors had 10 hits with Summer Alexander going 3-for-4 with two RBI. Roberts and Abbie Joiner both had a double with Joiner driving in two runs. Watson had a pair of singles.

Bailey (22-6) got the win, allowing five hits and one walk to go with four strikeouts.

Losing pitcher Whitney Moore had two singles for the Lady Bears.

EC	8-7
Hinds	1-0

The Lady Warriors improved to 29-11 overall and 16-7 in the division with Friday's sweep at Raymond.

In the opener, EC scored four runs in both the first and seventh innings.

The Lady Warriors had 14 hits with Kasie Buckley and Summer Alexander both getting three. One of Alexander's was a double.

Winning pitcher

Taylor Bailey and Lauren Nicholas both had a pair of singles. Bailey had three RBI, while Brittany Pounders had two.

Bailey (23-6) struck out six with no walks in a six-hit complete game.

Losing pitcher Courtney Carson had two singles and Logan Dukes homered for Hinds. Carson gave up all eight runs on 14 hits and one walk. She struck out four.

In the second game, EC broke up a scoreless battle with three runs in the top of the fourth inning.

EC had a dozen hits with Nicholas, Buckley, Bailey, and Haylee Roberts each getting two. Roberts and Buckley both homered with Roberts getting three RBI.

Bailey, Pounders, and Kelsi Watson each had a double.

Bailey (24-6) tossed a three-hitter with one walk and one strikeout.

Whitney Patterson took the loss.

Hinds fell to 9-33 overall and 1-23 in the division.

Extra innings no problem for ECCC

Lady Warriors capture 1st state championship

By Marty Stamper

Appeal Sports Editor

A year ago, the East Central Community College Lady Warriors won their first Region 23 championship in fast-pitch.

Last week, the Lady Warriors claimed their first MACJC State Tournament title with wins over Northwest Mississippi (4-0), Pearl River (4-3), and

Mississippi Gulf Coast (7-6).

"These girls have such a strong desire to win ... they always believe in themselves and have a never-say-die attitude," said EC coach Scott Hill, whose 42nd birthday will definitely be one to remember. "They are just a very special group ... and provided me with a wonderful birthday gift!"

All four South Division



East Central Community College's Lady Warriors celebrate after defeating Mississippi Gulf Coast 7-6 in eight innings in the finals of the MACJC State Softball Tournament held Friday on the Perkinston campus. It's the first state title for the Lady Warriors who improved to 32-11 under head coach Scott Hill and assistant Kristin Chaney. EC will try to defend its Region 23 Tournament title at Traceway Park in Clinton, Thursday-Saturday.

ECCC photo

MACJC State Tournament

at Mississippi Gulf Coast CC, April 28-29

Thursday's scores

East Central 4, Northwest 0
Pearl River 6, East Mississippi 4
Jones 2, Itawamba 0
Miss. Gulf Coast 7, North-

east 4

Friday's scores

Miss. Gulf Coast 5, Jones 0
East Central 4, Pearl River 3
East Central 7, Gulf Coast 6

teams — EC, Jones, Pearl River, and Gulf Coast — won their first-round matchups against teams from the North Division on Thursday.

Those four, along with

LSU-Eunice and East Mississippi, will take part in the Region 23 Tournament, Thursday-Saturday, at Traceway Park in Clinton.

After receiving a first-

round bye, EC will face the Jones-Pearl River winner at 6 p.m. on Thursday.

The top two teams will advance to the national tournament May 19-21 in

Normal, Ill.

EC 4
NW Mississippi 0

Taylor Bailey tossed a one-hitter as EC opened

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the tournament with a shutout of the Lady Rangers on Thursday.

Bailey (25-6) needed only 80 pitches to get the win. She struck out seven with no walks. The only hit she surrendered was a single by Lindsey Brewer.

Offensively, EC scored once in the first, twice in the second, and once in the third for a 4-0 lead.

The Lady Warriors had nine hits with Abbie Joiner and Kasie Buckley both getting a pair of singles. Summer Alexander had a double and an RBI. Lauren Nicholas and Haylee Roberts both had a single and an RBI.

Magen Fullwood (10-8) took the loss for Northwest, 23-17.

EC	4
Pearl River	3

It took 10 innings, but the Lady Warriors came away with Friday's semifinal win over Pearl River to improve to 31-11.

Taylor Bailey (26-6) threw all 10 innings for EC, allowing eight hits to go with six strikeouts and no walks.

EC had only five hits with Kasie Buckley getting a double and Abbie Joiner, Lauren Nicholas, Summer Alexander, and Haylee Roberts each getting a single.

Heather Hester had a double and two singles for Pearl River, 21-21, with Alyssa Graeter getting a two-run homer, and Brandy Rester a pair of singles.

Hester (9-12) took the loss in relief. She allowed five hits and four walks to go with three strikeouts.

EC	7
Gulf Coast	6

Chelsea Jones' run-scoring fielder's choice in the top of the eighth scored Haelie Allen with what turned out to be the winning run in Friday's championship game.

EC had 13 hits with Kasie Buckley getting a double and two singles to drive in three runs and Abbie Joiner and Brittany Pounders both getting three singles.

The Lady Warriors, 32-11, also got two singles from Lauren Nicholas and one single each from Taylor Bailey and Haylee Roberts.

NJCAA Region 23 Tournament

at Traceway Park in Clinton, May 5-7

Thursday's games

4 p.m. — Jones (33-13) vs. Pearl River (21-21)
 4 p.m. — LSU-Eunice (48-9) vs. East Mississippi (23-21)
 6 p.m. — East Central (32-11) vs. Jones/Pearl River winner
 6 p.m. — Mississippi Gulf Coast (34-11) vs. LSU-Eunice/East Mississippi winner

Friday's games

noon — consolation bracket game
 noon — consolation bracket game
 2 p.m. — winners' bracket game
 2 p.m. — winners' bracket game
 4 p.m. — consolation bracket game

Saturday's games

noon — First championship game
 2 p.m. — If necessary

Top two teams advance to NJCAA Division II Softball National Championship in Normal, Ill., May 19-21.

Bailey (27-6) struck out three and walked three in eight innings. She allowed 11 hits.

"Taylor was simply outstanding in all three games," EC coach Scott Hill said. "She is such a remarkable athlete and very competitive, just like her teammates."

"Her arm may be sore for a while, but I know she will be ready to go for the Region 23

Tournament this week."

Gulf Coast, 34-11, had 11 hits with Courtney Moore getting two doubles and two RBI. Kayla Herbert had a single and a double. Katy White added a pair of singles.

Lindsey Dickerson (16-7) took the loss, despite giving up just one run in 6 1/3 innings of relief.

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EC softball advances to division championship

The state champion and nationally-ranked East Central Community College softball team was just a win away from capturing a second-straight Region 23 Tournament title but the Lady Diamond Warriors fell twice to top-ranked LSU-Eunice in the championship finals Saturday, May 7 to claim runner-up honors. The three-day, double-elimination competition was held at Traceway Park in Clinton.

East Central, ranked 19th prior to the Region 23 Tournament, sports a 34-13 record under head coach Scott Hill and assistant Kristin Chaney. The championship squad is making its second-straight appearance in the NJCAA Division II National Softball Championship held in Normal, Illinois. This year's event is scheduled May 19-21. The Lady Diamond Warriors finished fourth in the 2010 tournament en route to a 47-11-1 record.

Although disappointed with Saturday's results, Coach Hill said he was "very proud" of his team's effort against the nation's top-rated softball program.

"I'm very pleased with the way this team has performed

throughout the post season and to this point," said Hill. "We wanted to get off to a good start with an opening round win on Thursday. We wanted to qualify for the national tournament on Friday. And we wanted to win the region on Saturday. We accomplished two out of three goals. Unfortunately, we just could not get the offense started up throughout the entire tournament. I feel like our chances would have been a bit better if we could have put a little more together at the plate. We truly relied on our pitching and defense which held up for all four games. It says a lot about the character of this team to battle the way they have each and every game."

Hill said the Lady Diamond Warriors are now focused on doing well in the national tournament.

"We look forward to competing in the nationals and representing East Central and Mississippi to the best of our ability," Hill said.

Fund-raising efforts are under way to help send the Lady Diamond Warriors to the prestigious event. Contributions are being

received in the Office of Development and Alumni Relations.

CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS

In Saturday's championship round, East Central fell 1-0 in the first game behind Heather Abshire's perfect game. The 5-5 sophomore from Lafayette, La., completely shut down the EC offense, fanning five batters in the process.

Taylor Bailey, a sophomore hurler from Bowie High School in Austin, Texas, took the loss for EC in the seven-inning battle. Bailey was again superb on the mound and allowed just one run on seven hits. She fanned two batters.

In the decisive second game for the Region 23 Tournament title, East Central grabbed a 1-0 lead in the third inning when freshman Kelsi Watson of Smithville scored from third following a single by sophomore Kasie Buckley, a product of Newton County High School.

The lead held up to the sixth inning, when the Lady Bengals tallied three runs, highlighted by a run-scoring single from Ashley

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Softball

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Taylor of Breaux Bridge and a sacrifice by Leah Andrus of Eunice.

LSU-Eunice held on for the 3-1 decision.

EC managed just three hits in the championship contest, a double from freshman Haylee Roberts of Enterprise and singles by Buckley and Bailey.

Bailey (29-8) took the loss, allowing three earned runs on seven hits. She fanned a batter and walked one.

With the victory, LSU-Eunice improved to 53-10 and claimed its first Regional title. The Lady Bengals posted wins over East Mississippi and MS Gulf Coast to advance to Friday's round of games.

ECCC 2 LSU-Eunice 1

The Lady Diamond Warriors defeated top-rated LSU-Eunice 2-1 in second-round tournament action Friday, May 6.

East Central jumped out to a 1-0 lead in the first inning after freshman Abbie Joiner of Neshoba Central scored on a single by sophomore Summer Alexander of Newton County.

The Lady Bengals tied the contest at 1-1 in the top of seventh when Terrista Vallery of Kaplan, La., following a single by Chaney Trahan of New Iberia.

EC won the game in the bottom of the frame when freshman Haelie Allen of Leake Academy scored following a sacrifice fly by sophomore Chelsea Jones of Enterprise.

Watson led EC sluggers with three singles. Bailey contributed a double and singles each were recorded by Alexander and Lauren Nicholas of Neshoba Central. Alexander was also credited with an RBI.

Bailey picked up the win, allowing one run on six hits in the seven-inning contest.

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Hill said the Lady Diamond Warriors are now focused on doing well in the national tournament.

In Saturday's championship round, East Central fell 1-0 in the first game behind Heather Abshire's perfect game. The 5-5 sophomore from Lafayette, La., completely shut down the EC offense, fanning five batters in the process.

In game two, ECCC led 1-0 until the sixth inning when the Lady Bengals tallied three runs and they held on for the 3-1 decision.

Several Leake County students were recognized at East Central Community College during recent awards day ceremonies.

Career award winners included Joseph William Adams of Walnut Grove, welding and cutting "Taylor Cup" and "Career Student of the Year."

Technical award winners included Cass Chipley Beem of Carthage, electrical; Antonio Demond Nash of Carthage, co-recipient in heating and air conditioning technology;

Special awards won by Leake countians included:

- Dustin Lamar Cullen of Carthage, Ann Burkes Phi Theta Kappa, ECCC Players and Margaret Mosal Award for Leadership, and Frank M. Cross Freshman Chemistry and Shelby L. Harris Memorial;

- Shelton Antonio Banks of Lena, Anthony

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Coleman Men's Basketball;

- Jessica Nicole Cherry of Carthage, ECCC Concert Choir;

- Alvin Johnson of Carthage, co-recipient of the Gospel Choir award;

- Chassidy Sharlyn Kelly of Carthage, creative writing;

- Chance Edward Strunk of Carthage, Danny Ray Killens Engineering;

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Dr. Clyde Muse (right) of Raymond was inducted into the Mississippi Community College Sports Hall of Fame during the fourth annual ceremony held April 26 at the Hilton Hotel in Jackson. Dr. Muse, who was selected as East Central Community College's representative in the 15-member 2011 Class, is shown receiving the prestigious award from ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin (left). Dr. Muse, a Sebastopol native, was a standout member of the Warrior basketball teams during the 1947-48 and 1948-49 seasons. He served as team captain and was selected most valuable player his sophomore season. He also had standout basketball careers at Sebastopol High School and Delta State University and later experienced success as a high school basketball coach. (ECCC PHOTO)

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East Central softball set for another trip to national tourney

from school reports

DECATUR — The state champion East Central Community College softball team left the Decatur campus early Tuesday morning for a second-straight appearance in the NJCAA Division II Softball National Championship in Normal, Illinois.

The No. 7 seed Warriors (34-13), who qualified for the national tournament as Region 23 Tournament runners-up, begin competition by taking on No. 10 seed Mercyhurst North East, PA (27-16) at noon today. Competition in the double-elimination event concludes Saturday, with the championship game set for 1 p.m.

LSU-Eunice (51-10) is the top-seeded squad in the 16-team field. The Bengals defeated East Central for the Region 23 Tournament title.

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Haylee Roberts, a former Enterprise standout, receives congratulations from ECCC coach Scott Hill after a two-run homer earlier this season.

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Game results and stats will be posted online at www.bloomingtonnormalcvc.org.

The ECCC softball squad finished fourth in the 2010 NJCAA Division II Softball National Tournament en route to a 47-11-1 record. The Warriors won the Region 23 Tournament and finished state runners-up.

East Central' softball program is led by head coach Scott Hill and assistant Kristin Chaney.

Fundraising efforts continue to support the team's successful season and expenses for the national tournament.

Tax-deductible contributions may be sent to the ECCC Foundation, Inc. Donors of at least \$500 will be provided an autographed softball signed by the Lady Diamond Warriors and coaching staff.

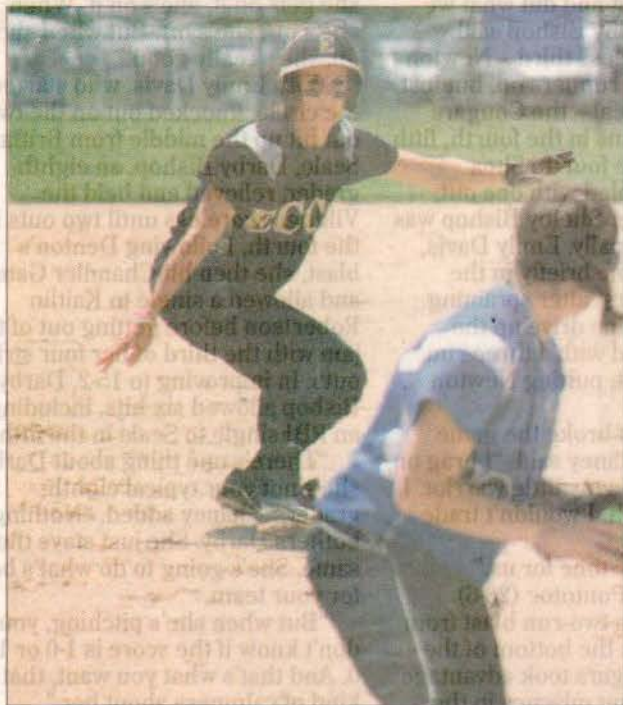
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Submitted Photo

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ECCC wins opening game at NJCAA tourney

from school reports

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The Warriors, who improved to 35-13 under head coach Scott Hill and assistant Kristin Chaney, lost to Kanakee 1-0 in their second game of the double-elimination competition, which concludes with the championship battle set for 1 p.m. Saturday.

Lauren Nicholas led the offense with three hits – a double and two singles. She was also credited with two RBIs. Nicholas is a product of Neshoba Central High School.

Also with multiple hits were Abbie Joiner of Neshoba Central, Summer Alexander of Newton County, Kelsi Watson of Smithville and Chelsea Jones of Enterprise, two singles each. Alexander was the top run producer with three RBIs. Jones knocked in two runs.

Brittany Pounders of Southeast Lauderdale belted a triple and Taylor Bailey, who hails from Bowie High School in Austin, Texas, contributed a single. Pounders also collected two RBIs and Bailey drove in a run.

Runs were scored by Joiner (2), Bailey (2), Watson (2) and Nicholas, Alexander, Pounders, Jones, Kacie Buckley of Newton County and Haylee Roberts of Enterprise.

Bailey picked up the win, allowing just four hits in the five-inning contest. She fanned six batters.

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Long-time teammates Kasie Buckley (left) and Summer Alexander take to the diamond together for the final time this weekend in the NJCAA Division II national tournament in Normal, Ill. The two began playing softball together when they were six.

Photo by Marty Stamper

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up playing that way."

Even when the two were only nine, Chaney said he knew they were something special.

"No doubt," Chaney said. "I guess it goes back to their softball awareness and their softball IQ. That and just their heart. Those two love to play softball."

"You put those together and it's quite a combination."

"I always compared them to my sister (Kristin) because she was like that when she was that young. I thought they had a chance to be that good."

After winning five state championships (three in slowpitch and two in fastpitch) at Newton County, the two continued their careers at ECCC. As freshmen, they were part of the Lady Warriors team that won the Region 29

fourth nationally.

Buckley, who has signed with the University of West Florida, was named the Most Valuable Offensive Player in last year's national tournament. In the 2010 nationals, Buckley batted .636 with three home runs, one double, three singles, and seven RBI in five games.

Buckley is currently batting .368 with 10 doubles, eight home runs, and 34 RBI and has scored 30 runs.

"Kasie is really dependable on the field," said Alexander. "She's always going to put out. You can always rely on her to get the big hit or just to do something that the team needs at the time."

Alexander is batting .381 with 15 doubles, two homers, and 30 RBI. She has scored 27 runs.

"Summer is a very good athlete and I trust

By Marty Stamper

Appeal Sports Editor

East Central Community College sophomores Kasie Buckley and Summer Alexander weren't around when the game of softball was invented, but the two have definitely been teammates for an awful lot of games.

"There's no telling how many games those two have played together and how many times they've cried together and how many times they

cried when I'm on the field," Buckley said. "It's going to be really weird not playing with her the next two years."

"That saddens me."

And that's why a long run in the three-day tournament would make the final chapter of the two's career something to always remember.

"It's one thing to get to the national tournament once, but it's even greater to go twice and just try to win it the second time around," said Alexander. "We got fourth last year and we're real excited about going."

"I'm pretty positive that it's the last time we'll ever play together, so hopefully we'll do our best."

"We know that we have a good chance of winning," said Buckley. "(Pitcher) Taylor Bailey will give us a chance to win it, we've just got to keep playing our defense and start hitting a little

shared the joys of success. It's pretty neat," said Justin Chaney, who coached the two when they were nine years old, then later when they were members of the Newton County High School teams. "We've played together since we were six," Alexander recalled.

"Maybe even before then at Beulah Hubbard," added Buckley. "We grew up playing together and then we played with the Diamond Girls, and then Newton County, and now

EC. We've been together for a while."

And all along the way, the duo have had great success, both team-wise and individually.

"We played with the Diamond Girls and went to Louisiana to a World Series and went to a couple other World Series," said Alexander. "That's when I played second base and she played shortstop."

"In high school, they moved me to the outfield, but we grew

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tournament into basically two days. "We had a lot of rain up there last year and it got reduced to about one-and-a-half days."

This year's sophomores carry an 81-24-1 career record to Normal after going 34-13 thus far in 2011.

That group includes pitcher Taylor Bailey (29-8, 1.26 ERA, 154 K's, 250 1/3 IP), center fielder Summer Alexander (.381, 15 2B, 2 HR, 30 RBI), shortstop Kasie Buckley (.368, 10 2B, 8 HR, 34 RBI), outfielder Abbie Joiner (.382, 7 2B, 4 3B, 20 RBI), infielder Lauren Nicholas (.304,

19 RBI), and first baseman Chelsea Jones (.245, 2 2B, 2 HR, 16 RBI).

Bailey also bats .279 with six doubles and 11 RBI.

"We've asked a lot of Taylor," Hill said. "She's toed the rubber all year. Her durability is what has impressed me."

"It's gotten to the point where we know that every time she goes out, she gives us a chance to win. It's real comforting to know you've got a pitcher that steps out there and if you provide a little offense and play a little defense behind her, you've got a shot to win a ballgame."

"This group of sophomores will be missed greatly. I

hate to talk much about what they've done so far because I think they've got a little bit more to do and a little bit more to prove."

"But to reflect for just a second, this team has pitched it and fielded it as well as any team we've ever had here. It's been fun to watch them play defense."

"We've also relied on them for some timely hits. We probably haven't hit the ball out of the park and scored as many runs as we did last year, but looking at it from a different angle, we've pitched it and played defense as well as, if not better than, we did last year."

The Lady Warriors have a

.938 team fielding percentage and a 1.41 team ERA. Their team batting average is .311.

Top freshmen include third baseman Brittany Pounders (.303, 10 2B, 10 HR, 41 RBI), catcher Haylee Roberts (.235, 4 2B, 3 HR, 16 RBI), and outfielder Kelsi Watson (.283, 5 2B, 13 RBI).

"I'm proud of what this team has accomplished and I'm looking forward to seeing what we can do up there," Hill said.

"It's nice to know we're one of the 16 teams remaining. It's nice to know that we're the only team in the state that's still practicing. And it's nice to know that we still get to play a little bit."

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Lady Warriors better prepared for 2011 nationals

By Marty Stamper

Appeal Sports Editor

A year ago, the East Central Community College Lady Warriors fared quite nicely in the NJCAA Division II Softball National Championship as they came away with a fourth-place finish.

This year, the Lady Warriors and coach Scott Hill hope a few factors will help them do even better in the three-day, 16-team, double-elimination tournament in Normal, Ill.

"We feel like going this year we'll be a little more prepared," said Hill. "We know what to expect from what we're going to do on the way to

the tournament, to how we can prepare before we play, and what to expect from their facilities and what they have to offer."

Just the experience of playing at the national level last year should pay off.

"Fortunately, we have several that were on that team last year and we're not going into it blind like we did last year," said Hill. "They definitely know a little more about what to expect and the calibre of the opponents."

"We'll go into it with a little more to go on."

A tougher schedule in 2011 should help EC as well. In addition to three

games with top-seeded LSU-Eunice, EC has also lost 2-1 to Darton (Ga.) which is the No. 13 seed at the NJCAA Division I National Championship Tournament at St. George, Utah.

"We feel like we've played several out-of-state schools that should have us a little better prepared as well," Hill said. "We played some good teams in the Northeast (Mississippi) tournament from Iowa and Illinois and went over to Alabama and played some good teams from Alabama and Georgia. We played Pensacola (Fla.). And we had some success against those teams."

"It's definitely not a mystery that our out-of-district schedule was made for a reason and that was in hopes we'd be back in this situation and we'd have played some teams that would help us be better prepared."

The Lady Warriors are seeded No. 7 in the national tournament and open play Thursday at noon against Mercyhurst North East (Pa.). Win or lose, the Lady Warriors will face either Oakland (Mich.) or second-seeded Kankakee (Ill.) in their second game on Thursday.

"We hope we can play



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District	Champion	Record
A	South Mountain CC, Arizona	40-26
B	Sauk Valley CC, Illinois	34-10
C	Kankakee CC, Illinois	45-9
D	Labette CC, Kansas	43-14
E	Highland CC, Kansas	38-11
F	Kirkwood CC, Iowa	52-9
G	Owens CC, Ohio	39-3
H	Oakland CC, Michigan	28-20
I	Mercyhurst North East, Pennsylvania	27-16
J	Mineral Area College, Missouri	36-16
K	Delaware Technical & CC	36-6
L	Cecil College, Maryland	33-12
M	LSU-Eunice, Louisiana	51-10
N	East Central CC, Mississippi	34-13
O	Heartland CC, Illinois	37-19
P	Pasco Hernando CC, Florida	31-18

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**Laurel
Burnett**
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4 RBI, 14 Runs



**Olivia
Maher**



**Eden
McGee**



**Layna
Phillips**
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**Sarah
Breland**



**Lena
Land**
.333, 3 Runs

a three-day tournament recalling how last year's
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Lady Warriors bow out of NJCCA play

□ Team falls in elimination game Friday

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a single to drive in five runs for the Skyhawks, 35-12. Kerrie Tenboer

had three singles. Hannah Schmidt had a single and a triple.

Jacie Young took the loss. She gave up eight hits, but issued a dozen

walks to go with eight strikeouts.

EC 1
Kirkwood (Iowa) 0

Taylor Bailey threw a four-hit shutout as EC knocked off the third-seeded Eagles Friday afternoon.

EC got the game's only run in the top of the fifth as Lauren Nicholas hit a two-out single to center field, moved up to second on an infield hit by Kasie Buckley, and scored on a single to center field by Summer Alexander.

Bailey (32-9) struck out one and walked one.

EC, 37-14, had seven hits with Nicholas, Buckley, and Alexander each getting two singles.

Shelby Dougherty took the loss for Kirkwood, 54-11. She struck out seven and allowed one walk and seven hits.

Nicole Fisher had a single and a double for the Eagles.

Owens (Ohio) 2
EC 0

Owens scored single runs in the third and seventh frames to eliminate EC in Friday's third game.

Elizabeth Weber and Jordan Ratliff combined to toss a two-hit shutout for the Express with both allowing one hit.

Owens scored in the top of the third when Kristen Roznoski singled, stole second, and scored on a two-out throwing error.

Michelle Hollister added an insurance run for the Express in the seventh with a solo homer to left field.

EC, 37-15, had just two hits — both singles — in the season-ending loss. Lauren Nicholas and Kasie Buckley accounted for the two hits.

Taylor Bailey (32-10) took the loss. She allowed nine hits and struck out five with no walks.

Roznoski and Matea

Rice both had three singles for Owens, 42-4.

Owens reached the championship game where it lost 10-0 to LSU-Eunice.

LSU-Eunice defeated EC earlier for the Region 23 championship, sweeping the Lady Warriors in the finals after EC had beaten the Lady Bengals in their first meeting.

"One of the things that we can say is that we did have a win over the national champions," said EC coach Scott Hill. "That's something to be proud of as well."

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ECCC Lady Warriors tie for fifth place in nationals

By Marty Stamper

Appeal Sports Editor

It took losses to the No. 2 and No. 3 teams in the NJCAA Division II Softball National Championship to knock the East Central Community College Lady Warriors out of the tournament last week.

EC went 3-2 in the 16-team, double-elimination event in Normal, Ill.

The Lady Warriors opened with a 12-0 run-rule win over Mercyhurst North East (Pa.) on Thursday. After losing a 1-0 heartbreaker to Kankakee (Ill.) in their second game on Thursday, the Lady Warriors rallied for a 12-11 win over Sauk Valley (Ill.) on Friday and a 1-0 shutout of Kirkwood (Iowa) before being eliminated with a 2-0 loss to eventual tournament runner-up Owens (Ohio) in Friday's third game. Kankakee finished third.

EC tied with Pasco-Hernando of New Port Richey, Fla., for fifth place.

The Lady Warriors finished 37-15.

"We feel like we had a good tournament," said EC coach Scott Hill. "We certainly got beat by quality opponents. I don't think we have anything to be too terribly disappointed with. We played some mighty good teams there."

"To get a 1-0 win over Kirkwood says a lot about the resiliency of our young ladies, especially our pitching. Taylor (Bailey) did a heck-of-a job for us to shut out a real good team like that."

Bailey was named to the all-tournament team after throwing every pitch — some 464 in the five games — for the Lady Warriors. She threw 311 in Friday's three games, including 137 against Sauk Valley to start the day.

"Even the games we lost, she definitely gave us a chance to win those," Hill said. "We just couldn't quite get the offense going like we wanted to."



Scott Hill

in the sixth to close to within 10-5.

The Skyhawks added another run in the top of the seventh to go up 11-5, but the Lady Warriors, 36-14, forced extra innings with six runs in the bottom of the seventh.

Big hits for EC in the seventh were a two-run singles by Chelsea Jones and Brittany Pounders along with three walks.

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Mercyhurst NE (Pa.)

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A 10-run second inning carried EC to an easy 4 1/2-inning run-rule win over the Saints in the Lady Warriors' tournament opener on Thursday.

EC took a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning as Summer Alexander's sacrifice fly scored Abbie Joiner, who had led off with a walk and moved up on a single by Lauren Nicholas.

In the big second inning, Chelsea Jones had an RBI-single to start the scoring and a two-run single to end the frame. In between, Nicholas had an RBI-double, Alexander had a two-run single to center field, and Brittany Pounders ripped a two-run triple to right field.

That was way more than enough runs for Taylor Bailey as she threw just 58 pitches — 47 of which were strikes. Bailey struck out six and allowed four hits — all singles — and no walks in upping her record to 30-8.



Taylor Bailey

In the fourth, Kelsi Watson singled and scored on a two-out single by Nicholas to extend the lead to 12-0.

EC, 35-13, finished with 13 hits. Nicholas had two singles and a double in driving in two runs. Joiner, Alexander, Watson, and Jones each had two singles with Alexander having three RBI and Jones getting two.

Bailey Patt took the loss for Mercyhurst North East, 27-17, allowing 11 runs on seven hits and one walk in 1 1/3 innings.

Kankakee (Ill.)

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Second-seeded Kankakee made a first-inning run stand up in Thursday's second game, dropping EC into the losers' bracket.

Kelsey Gass led off the top of the first with a single to right field, stole

second, and scored on a two-out single to right by Danielle Burge.

Meanwhile, Kankakee's Jenna Slifer had a perfect game through three innings before EC's Lauren Nicholas lined a one-out single to left field in the bottom of the fourth. Kasie Buckley reached on an error on a ground ball with Nicholas going to third. Slifer got Summer Alexander and Taylor Bailey on ground balls to get out of the inning unscathed.

In the fifth, Kelsi Watson singled to center field and Abbie Joiner was hit by a pitch, but Nicholas flew out to end that threat.

In their final at-bat, the Lady Warriors got a leadoff infield single from Haylee Roberts. After Watson sacrificed courtesy runner Haelie Allen to second, Lauren Huber struck out Chelsea Jones and Joiner to end the game.

EC, 35-14, had only three hits with Nicholas, Roberts, and Watson each getting a single.

Bailey (30-9) took the loss, allowing eight hits. She struck out five with no walks.

Slifer got the win, allowing all three hits in six innings. She struck out three and walked one.

Huber fanned two in her inning of relief for Kankakee, 47-9.

EC

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Sauk Valley (Ill.)

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Kasie Buckley's RBI-single to left field in the bottom of the ninth scored Abbie Joiner with the winning run in Friday morning's game.

Joiner had drawn a leadoff walk and moved up to second on a sacrifice by Lauren Nicholas.

EC battled back from a 10-3 deficit after four innings to take the nine-inning win.

After EC went up 3-0 in the bottom of the second, Sauk Valley scored three runs in the top of the third and seven in the fourth to hold a 10-3 advantage.

EC scored once in the fifth and once

Jones had two of EC's eight hits.

Summer Alexander had a solo homer, while Buckley had a single and two RBI.

Taylor Bailey (31-9) threw 137 pitches — 100 of which were strikes — to get the win. She struck out four, walked two, and allowed 15 hits.

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East Central finished fourth in the 2010 NJCAA Division II Softball Championship en route to a 47-11-1 record.

The Lady Diamond Warriors won the Region 23 Tournament and finished state runners-up.

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Vowell inks ECCC softball scholarship

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Joiner Joins Millsaps Softball Squad

After helping lead East Central Community College's softball team to its first state title and a top five finish in the 2011 NJCAA Division II Softball National Championship, Abbie Joiner (seated center) of Philadelphia is taking her talents to Millsaps College in Jackson. Joiner, a catcher/outfielder, batted .364 with 21 RBI for the Lady Diamond Warriors who completed the championship season with a 37-15 record. EC qualified for its second-straight appearance in the NJCAA tourney by capturing runner-up honors in the Region 23 Tournament. Joiner, a product of Neshoba Central High School, is shown with her parents, Cheryl and Richard Joiner, and her nephew, Wyatt Joiner. The Lady Diamond Warriors are led by head coach Scott Hill.

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NATIONAL *Recognition*

ECCC's Bailey named first-team All-American

By Jamie Wachter

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For the second straight straight season, East Central Community College's softball team made a trip to the NJCAA Division II softball national tournament.

And for the second straight year, a Warrior has been honored by earning first-team All-American status.

After Newton County product Kasie Buckley was named All-American last year, ECCC pitcher Taylor Bailey earned the prestigious honor Monday. Bailey, a sophomore from Austin, Texas, went 32-10 with a 1.34 ERA this year, recording 197 strikeouts. The Warriors finished 37-15 and a fifth-place finish nationally.

"We're real excited," ECCC

coach Scott Hill said. "Taylor has meant a lot for our program. She's given us a great deal of hard work and effort over the past two years, and to be named first team All-American is a well-deserved honor for her.

"It just makes us proud to know that we have a young lady from our program that is recognized in that way."

During her freshman season when ECCC also advanced to the national tournament — its first trip to the championship — Bailey went 25-6 with a 1.78 ERA. Those successes have led Bailey to the Division I level as she is headed next to Louisiana-Monroe.

"We hate that we're going to be losing both of them," Hill said, adding that Buckley has signed with West Florida. "We're excited that both have the opportunity to continue on, and we hope that they'll have

the same type of success at the next level that they had at our place."

In addition to the All-American honor, Bailey was named to the All-Tournament team at the national championship, as well as All-Region 23 and MACJC All-State honors — all for the second time. She was also named ECCC's most valuable pitcher both seasons.

"It's a good feeling for them to have the success they've had," Hill said. "Hopefully, that gives us a good base to go forward and can continue that success. We hope that they're paving the way for other young ladies to come in and have success in our program."

It is the third time a Warrior has been named first-team All-American as current Warrior assistant coach Kristin Chaney also earned that honor.

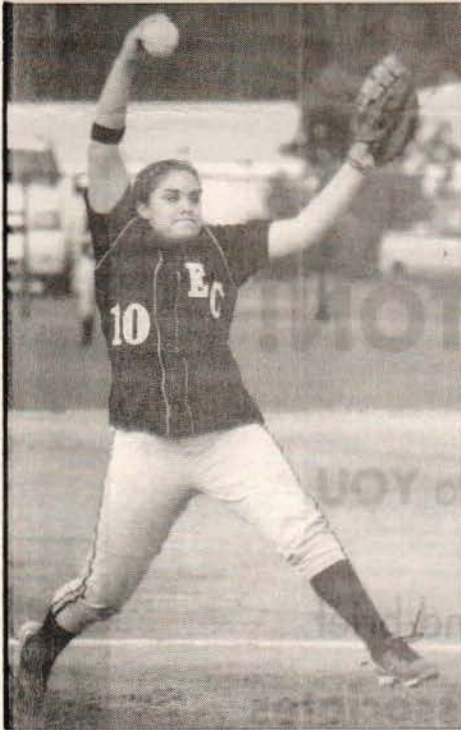
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EC's Bailey named NJCAA All-American

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Bailey, who helped lead the Lady



ECCC's Taylor Bailey received NJCAA All-American honors following the 2011 season. In her two years, Bailey had a 57-16 record in the pitcher's circle.

Photo by Marty Stamper

Diamond Warriors to their first MACJC state title and a fifth place tie in the 2011 NJCAA Division II Softball National Championship en route to a 37-15 record, is the only member of a Mississippi team to receive the prestigious honor.

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Lady Warrior Sophomores Honored

Nine players and one manager on the 2011 East Central Community College softball squad were honored at their final home game of the season. Over their two-year careers, the sophomores compiled a record of 84-26-1 and won one MACJC state championship and one NJCAA Region 23 championship. ECCC advanced to the NJCAA national tournament both years, finishing fourth in 2010 and fifth in 2011. Sophomore team members, their respective high schools and parents are (from left) manager David Galvin of Long Beach, son of Sherry and David Galvin; pitcher Sarah Breland of Neshoba Central, daughter of Andy and Angie Breland; infielder Kasie Buckley of Newton County, daughter of Steve and Gina Buckley; pitcher Taylor Bailey of Bowie High School in Austin, Texas, daughter of Greg Bailey and Jennifer Underwood; infielder Chelsea Jones of Enterprise, daughter of Danny Joe and Paula Jones; outfielder Abbie Joiner of Neshoba Central, daughter of Richard and Cheryl Joiner; outfielder Summer Alexander of Newton County, daughter of Bruce and Sandra Alexander; outfielder Olivia Maher of East Ascension High School in Gonzales, La., daughter of Mark and Paige Maher; infielder Lauren Nicholas of Neshoba Central, daughter of Sandy and Jeff Nicholas; and infielder Laurel Burnett of Neshoba Central, daughter of Melissa Burnett and the late Steve Burnett. Also pictured are head coach Scott Hill and assistant Kristin Chaney.

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EC ace Bailey gets prestigious AA honor

Sophomore pitcher
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Also a former Southeast Lauderdale High School standout, she finished her prep playing career at Bowie High School in Austin, Texas.

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East Central softball award winners

These members of the state champion East Central Community College softball team received honors following the historic 2011 campaign. Seated from left are infielder Chelsea Jones of Enterprise, most improved; infielder Lauren Nicholas, a product of Neshoba Central High School, Scholar Athlete; and outfielder Summer Alexander, All-Region 23 and most valuable offensive player and infielder/pitcher Kasie Buckley, All-Region 23, MACJC All-State and team captain award, both products of Newton County High School. Standing from left are pitcher Taylor Bailey, a product of Bowie High School in Austin, Texas, NJCAA All-American, NJCAA Division II Softball All-Tournament Team, All-Region 23, MACJC All-State and most valuable pitcher; infielder Brittany Pounders of Southeast Lauderdale, top slugger; and outfielder Olivia Maher, a product of East Ascension High School in Gonzales, La., Lady Warrior Award. After winning the program's first state title, the Lady Diamond Warriors finished runners-up in the Region 23 Tournament and tied for fifth in the NJCAA Division II Softball National Championship en route to a 37-15 record under head coach Scott Hill and assistant Kristin Chaney.

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EC's Hill receives MACJC honor

East Central Community College head softball coach Scott Hill recently received a plaque after being chosen from school reports by the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges (MACJC) Softball Coach of the Year.

Hill led the 2011 EC Lady Diamond Warriors to the program's first state title and a fifth place tie in the NJCAA Division II Softball National Championship en route to a 37-15 record.

It's the second-straight coach of the year honor for Hill, who received Region 23 accolades in 2010 after leading EC to the program's

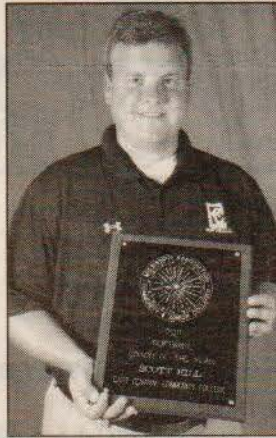
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Hill has led the EC softball program for the past eight years and has compiled an overall 277-

108-1 record, which also includes three MACJC Central Division titles.

Prior to joining the EC coaching staff, Hill successfully led baseball and softball programs at Philadelphia High School.

A graduate of Forest High School, Hill received an associate's degree at EC and earned bachelor and master's degrees in physical education at Mississippi State.



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ECCC Softball Team Walks for Diabetes

At right are East Central Community College softball team members who participated in the 2011 Walk for Diabetes held recently at LeFleur's Bluff State Park in Jackson. The Lady Diamond Warriors walked with "Jack's Jammers," one of the many teams organized in an effort to raise funds toward finding a cure for diabetes. The ECCC squad is shown with team captain Jack Plunkett, who has juvenile diabetes, and ECCC student Lee Taylor. Jack is the son of Dan and Erin Plunkett of Lake.

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ECCC names new Warrior Corps members

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New members of the Warrior Corps were recently selected at East Central Community College in Decatur.

Students in the prestigious group assist in recruiting and serve as hosts and hostesses for various campus events.

New members and their respective

high schools include the following: Kiswana Burnside, Antrisa Butler, Hannah Clay and Kelsey Shaw, all of Lake; Lindsey Gibbs and Kayla Stevenson, both of Morton; Chance Hall and Audrianna Walker, both of Forest; and Ben Reiss, Scott Central.

ECCC staff members Lanette Hanna and Romonica Evans serve as sponsors.



ECCC'S PHI THETA KAPPA INDUCTEES

These East Central Community College students were welcomed into Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for two-year colleges, during the fall induction ceremony held Oct. 10, 2010, in the Vickers Fine Arts Center on the Decatur campus. From left are Bryan Matthew Wiseman of Newton, Brittany Hope Brown of Decatur, Richard Colin Braxton of Union, Sophia F. Riley of Philadelphia, Angela Dee Cruz of Union, Breshawn Calita McNeal of Newton and Dustin Marcus Cushman of Forest. Amy A. Walgamott, Phi Theta Kappa MS/LA Regional Coordinator, was guest speaker. Speech instructor Kate Covich serves as Theta Xi advisor.

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ECCC WARRIOR CORPS MEMBERS

These East Central Community College students from Scott County were recently selected for the Warrior Corps, a select group that assists in recruiting and serves as hosts and hostess for various events on the Decatur campus. Joining the prestigious organization are (first row, from left) Kiswa Burnside, Hannah Clay and Antrisa Butler, all of Lake; and (back row, from left) Ben Reiss, Forest; and Kayla Stevenson and Lindsay Gibbs, both of Morton.

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Ficklin receives All-American honors

**Former SC Rebel
succeeds at East
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DECATUR — Chris Ficklin's standout season as a member of the 2010 East Central Community College football team has once again received national attention as the freshman linebacker from Forest has received NJCAA All-American Honorable Mention honors.

Ficklin (5-11, 195) led the nation in total tackles with 126 - 78 solo stops and 48 assists. He is also credited with six quarterback sacks, two forced fumbles and two fumble recoveries.

Warrior head coach Brian Anderson said Ficklin is not only an outstanding football player but also an outstanding individual.

"All of us enjoy coaching great players, but when great players are great people, it makes our job even more enjoyable," Anderson said.

"Chris has set a high standard for his level of play and for our entire defense. He is as good a

person off the field which also sets a standard for the rest of our team.

Needless to say, we are very proud to have Chris Ficklin at East Central."

Ficklin was earlier selected All-Region 23 and MACJC First Team All-State. He was chosen the Warriors' Most Outstanding Defensive Skill Player at the annual Fall Sports



Chris Ficklin

Banquet.

He received NJCAA Defensive Player of the Week honors following his performance in the Warriors' battle with Northwest Mississippi Community College on Sept. 9 in Senatobia.

Ficklin registered 17 tackles — including four stops for minus yardage — in the 41-26 loss. He was also credited with 1.5 sacks, a forced fumble and a fumble recovery.

The defensive standout also received MACJC recognition following the Northwest game and for his performance in the Warriors' 24-14 win over Jones

County and the 42-35 loss to Copiah-Lincoln. Ficklin had 19 tackles in each contest.

He is a product of Scott Central High School, where he was chosen best line-backer.

Ickom awarded UWA scholarship

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Shaquinta S. Ickom

LIVINGSTON, Ala.—Shaquinta S. Ickom of Lake was recently awarded a Trustees Scholarship to attend the University of West Alabama. This award, which is based on academic achievement and proven leadership potential, comes from the UWA Office of Admissions. The East Central Community College Phi Theta Kappa honor student plans to major in athletic training.

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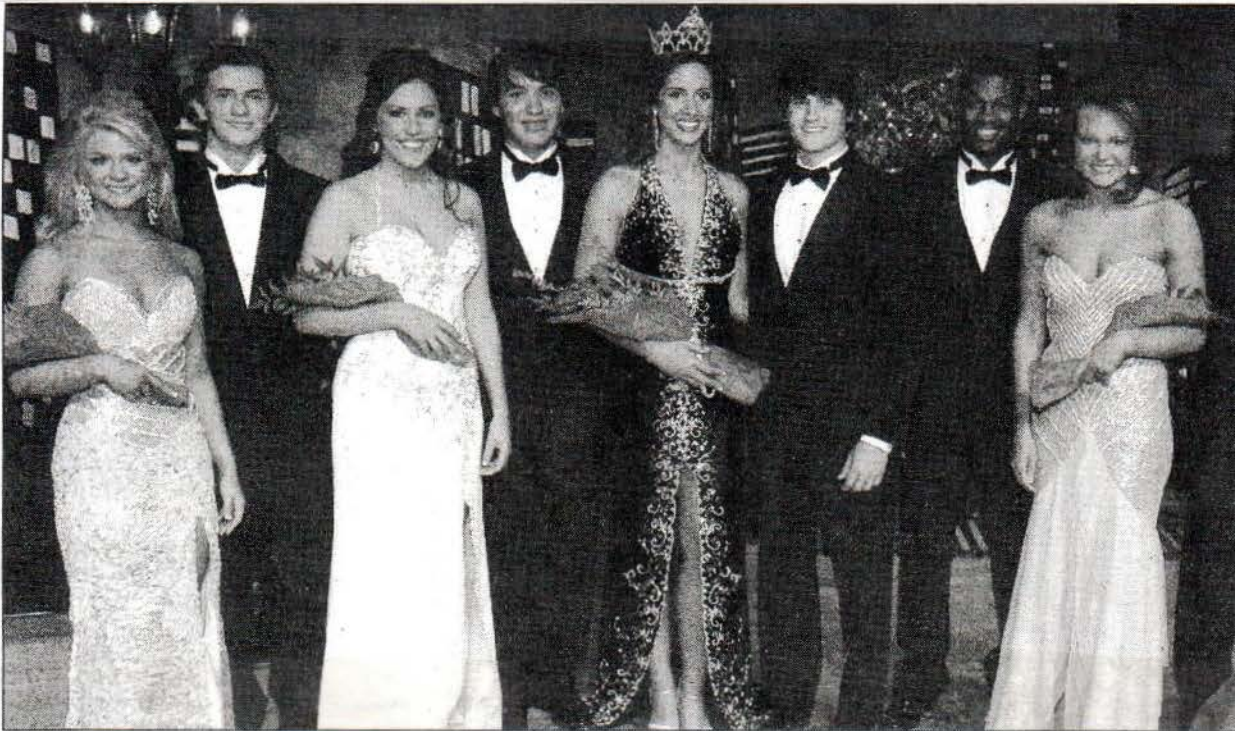
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ECCC Collegians to Present 'Welco

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The Collegians of East Central Community College will present a "Welcome Back" campus concert at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 18, 2011, in Huff

Auditorium on the Decatur campus. There is no charge for admission.

The rock 'n' roll band will perform hits by Carrie Underwood, Mike Posner, Kesha, Blake Shelton and many more

artists.

Members and their respective high schools include Alex Chappell, Ava Marie Adkins, Stacy Willis and Bailee Viverette, all of Union; Justin Collins, Scott Cen-

tral; DJ Harris and Cole Stanley, both of Sumrall; Robert Hisaw, Louisville; Danny Smith and Ruby McCurdy, both of Carthage; Dale Alberts, Bobby Branning and Travis Smallwood, all of

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West Lauderdale; Tyler Barrett, Brandon Boulton, Jessie Harrison, Tyler Yates, Tiffany Spence, Richie Ferguson, Jordan Vance and Monica Vincent, all of Newton County; Colby "Rico"

Horton, Neshoba Central; Graylon Foster, Philadelphia; and Audrey Cannon, Northwest Rankin. Thomas W. Carson serves as director and also plays rhythm and acoustic guitar for the popular group.

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SCOTT COUNTY MEMBERS OF ECCC WALL O' SOUND BAND

These Scott County area students are members of the Wall O' Sound Marching Band at East Central Community College. Pictured are (front row, from left) Tyler Brewer of Forest, Kierra Ealy, Lindsay Gibbs, Kristy Athey and Persephiney Wingo, all of Morton; and Amber Gray, Shaquinta Ickom and Kiswana Burnside, all of Lake; (second row, from left) Kellie Black, Megan Smith, Chelsea McMillan and Tamara Boatman, all of Lake; Kayla Brown of Forest, and Yashica Ickom, Shatarra Ickom, Shatarra Donald and Alicia Lewis, all of Lake; (third row, from left) Marley Hanna and Sami Elkins, both of Forest; James Cumberland of Sebastopol, Proby Gammill of Lake, Shawn Windham of Morton and Anna Leach and Lindsey Bishop, both of Sebastopol; and (back row, from left) Justin Collins of Forest, Daniel Kersguard of Morton, Jacoguy Rasas of Lake and Ryan McClendon of Forest. Thomas W. Carson serves as director of bands and Ed Girling serves as assistant director.

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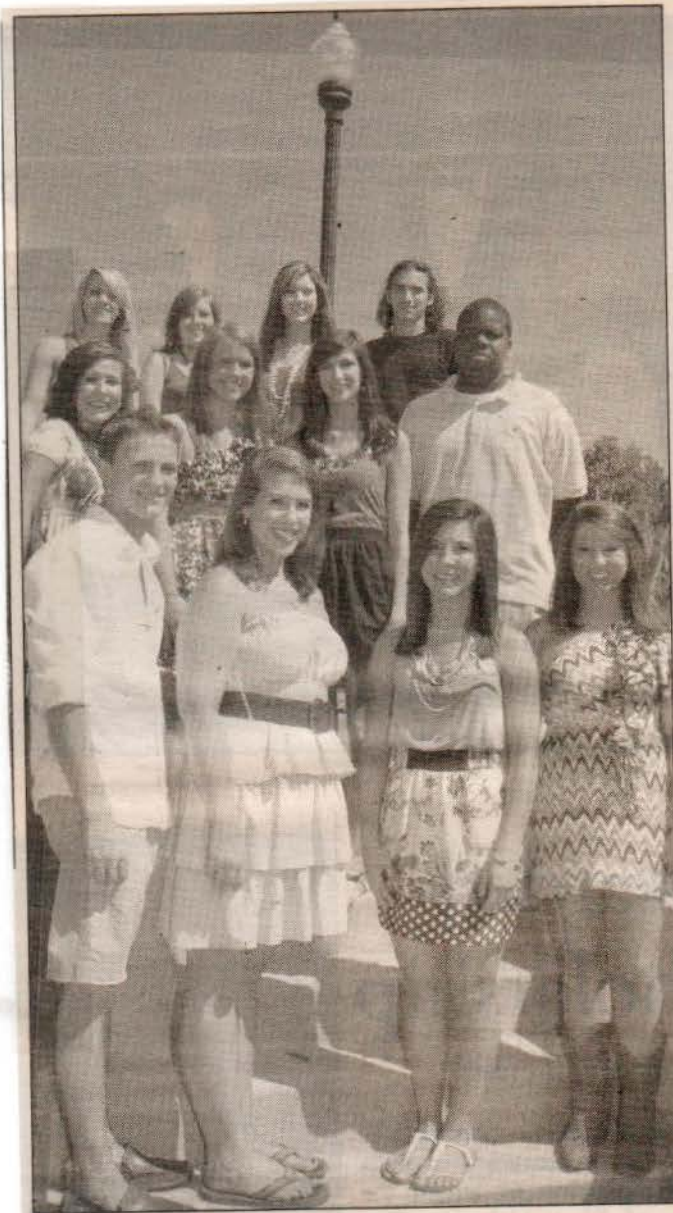
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ECCC CAMPUS LEADERS

Pictured above are 2010-2011 student government leaders at East Central Community College in Decatur. Students and their respective high schools include (front row, from left) freshman class officers Tyler Barrett of Decatur, president; Nicole Bounds of Newton, vice president; Alysse Webb of Noxapater, secretary; and Annalyse Thorne of Decatur, treasurer; (second row, from left) sophomore class officers Tamara McPhail of Pelahatchie, treasurer; Jenny Holyfield of Little Rock, vice president; Meredith McKee of Philadelphia, secretary; and Reggie Davis of Decatur, president; (back row, from left) Lindsey Bishop of Sebastopol, Student Body Association (SBA) president; Anna Alexander a home-schooler from Little Rock, SBA vice president; Laura Gunn of Forest, SBA secretary; and Ben Stewart of Grenada, SBA treasurer. Director of Housing/Student Activities Marcie Pinson serves as sponsor.

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ECCC RESIDENCE COUNCIL

Pictured above are 2010-2011 residence council members at East Central Community College in Decatur. These students assist dorm supervisors and the housing director with dormitory management. Students and their respective high schools include (front row, from left) Summer Richardson of Union, Chelsea Rigdon of Union, Hannah Clay of Lake, LaTia Peavy of Carthage, and Carolline Young of Philadelphia; (back row, from left) Dustin Cushman of Scott Central, Matt Griffin of Union, Perry Stroud of Lake and Chris Thames of Decatur. Director of Housing/Student Activities Marcie Pinson serves as sponsor.

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These members of East Carolina Community College's Theta Chapter of Phi Beta Lambda, an organization for business students, participated in the annual Phi Beta Lambda Leadership Conference held recently on the Decatur campus. Approximately 70 students representing Phi Beta Lambda chapters throughout the region attended the one-day event, which included various workshops and networking opportunities for members. Seated from left are Mindy Parker and Ryan Gillis, of Newton; Chance Hall, Forest Park; Alexis Graham, Philadelphia. Standing from left are Belinda Alexander, Rachel Alexander and Nicole Ferguson, all of Philadelphia; and Claiborne and Bryan Wiseman, of Newton.

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ECCC Ac'cents to Perform at Morton Chamber Banquet

The Ac'cents, East Central Community College's Show Choir, will provide special entertainment for the 52nd Annual Morton Chamber of Commerce Banquet scheduled at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 27th, at Roosevelt State Park, Alfreda Lodge. Selections include I Gotta Feeling by The Black-Eyed Peas; I See You from the movie Avatar; Higher Ground by Stevie Wonder; The Climb by Miley Cyrus; and No Air by Jordan Sparks and Chris Brown.

Ac'cents members and their respective high school include (front row, from left) Tiffany Spence, Newton County; Matthew Dempsey, Louisville; Monica Vincent, Newton County; Laura Gunn, Lake; and Brandon Boulton and Jessy Harrison, both of Newton County; and (standing from left) Cody Strait and Polly Vaughn, both of Newton County; Zack Hutson, McComb; and Tyler Barrett, Courtney Lanier and Richard Ferguson, all of Newton County. ECCC music instructor Vicki Blaylock serves as director. Josh Jarriel of Philadelphia and Austin Jay of Union serve as sound technicians. (EC Photo)

Tickets for the Chamber banquet are \$15 each and can be obtained by contacting the Chamber office at 601-732-6135, or Lanay Russum, Chamber president, at 601-732-6301. Deadline to make reservations is Friday, January 21.

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Young guitarist makes a

By Bill Graham

Appeal Managing Editor

It's a cold January night at ECCC, and the Collegians, the college's rock group, are playing to a packed Huff Auditorium.

Early in the set, as the band is in full swing, guitarist Jordan Vance steps from the shadows for a solo.

His hands run up and down the neck of his white Fender Stratocaster, skipping strings, until he tries a trick.

Hitting the low E string, he grabs the neck from behind, and bends the note, grimacing.

It's a bold move, one usually reserved for the pros, but the young guitarist makes it work, as the solo culminates in a duel with bandleader Tom Carson.

"I've never reached the point where I thought I was good," Vance says later, during a break between an organic chemistry lab and



Jordan Vance

late afternoon weightlifting session at the college.

The 20-year old started playing guitar in seventh grade, at his father's urging, then took lessons from Carson, the local guitar guru.

"He taught me chords and everything...I just worked my way up," Vance recalls.

Eventually, it clicked.

"Once I finally started learning the chords, and I got to where I could switch between them pretty quick, I realized I was a quick learner."

Jordan cites blues king Stevie Ray

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Vaughan as a major influence on his playing.

"He's probably the first real guitarist that I loved," he says.

"For any blues player, you've got to have soul-feel more than anything. I like the intensity he played with. He had that feel but yet he was still really technical with his playing. He didn't play like any other blues player, but he had a little bit of every other blues player in him."

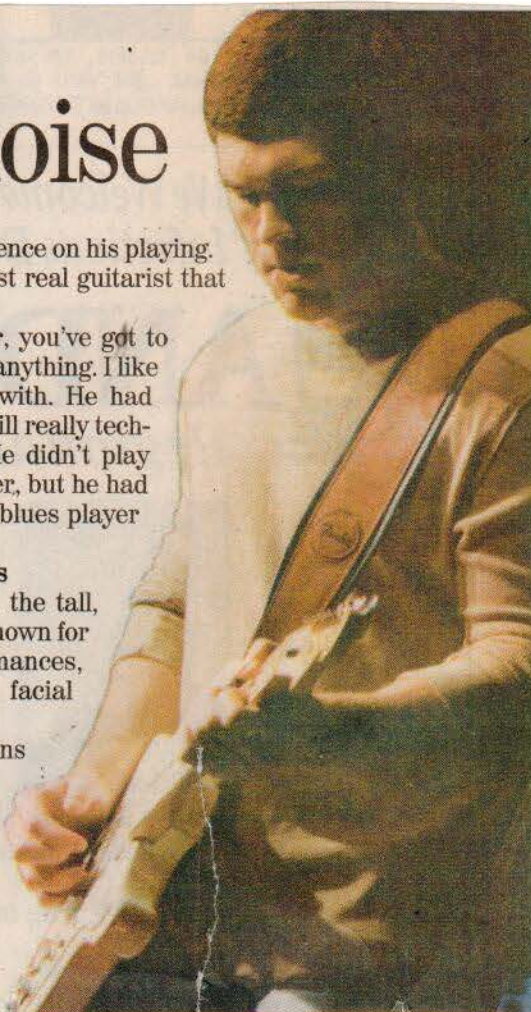
Making Faces

Speaking of intensity, the tall, soft-spoken red head is known for his high-energy performances, highlighted by his odd facial expressions.

He looks like he means it.

"I can't help it," Jordan says, breaking into laughter.

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"Everybody makes fun of me...at first it kind of bothered me...then it got to the point where if I try not to do it, I can't concentrate on playing."

"When I practice, I try to make sure I'm getting everything right," he continues. "But when I'm out there playing live, I don't focus as much on being

technical, I focus on feeling it more than anything."

Long Days

"Every day is a long day," Jordan says: between classes (Calculus and other pre-pharmacy courses), part-time shifts at Wheeler's Drugstore, and rehearsals for the Collegians and the praise band at Clarke-Venable Baptist Church, he stays busy.

Vance plans to finish ECCC this semester, then hopes to head to Ole Miss, where he has another year of coursework before enrolling in pharmacy school.

And even though he's not planning on a career as a professional musician, Jordan plans to stick with the guitar playing for the long haul.

"As far as football—that's fun, but when I'm

fifty years old, I'm not going to be out in my backyard tackling my friends," he says, adding that he'd like to have a band to play with on weekends.

"But yea, if there was a tour bus that came through Decatur needing a guitarist," he says, his smile broadening, "I'd hop on in a heartbeat."

ECCC corrected honor roll

Students named to the 2010 fall semester honor roll.

PRESIDENT'S LIST

Those named to the President's List, students with a 4.0 grade point average, include the following:

LOUISVILLE:

Latanya Ann Ball, Jamal Rafeal Bates, Channing Flynt Bucklew, Charles C. Covington, Leslie Ann Fussell, Evan Wade Humphries, Charles Edward Johnson, Meredith Dawn Jones, Madison Claire Nowell, Raychal Ann Reed, Tiandra Dawn Vickers, Jessica L. Williamson and William Tyler Wright;

NOXAPATER: Ashley Brook Dickerson, Mary Margaret Kirk, Jorie Ann Long and Alyse Nicole Webb;

Rasheeda Lashay Coleman, Gregory Tyler Dalton, Lindsey Lanell Donald, Brittany Michelle Duncan, Skky Brittany Glass, Charles Anthony. Graham Jr., Diannie M. Grissom, Paige Rian Harris, Logan Earl Hilliard, Hillary Elaine Hobby, Tammy Rachel Holton, Chestina Ann Ingram, Kayla Rena Joe, Mallo-ry Wynne Jones, Renae Metts, Cottrell Deshawn Miller, Avery

Kashif Morgan, Alexis Nikole Prisock, Quinn Andrew Roark, Dustin Levi Stewart, Montana Michelle Thomason, Tanya Lynn Trosper, Breanna Gail Vick, Patrick John Watson and Katlin Alice Woodruff;

Brandi Nicoal Sanders and Persephine T. Wingo;

NOXAPATER: Corsica Jakeia Carter, Stacy Leigh Carter, Rose Mary Eichelberger, Alicia Carol Hobson, Brody Lamar Horne and Alexandria Prezley Thomas;

DEAN'S LIST

The Dean's List includes the following students who achieved a 3.5 or above grade point average.

LOUISVILLE:

Ashley Ann Arthur, Trent Lee Boswell, Brittany Leigh Burton, Willie Ruth Coleman, Emily Grace Davis, Matthew Rural Dempsey, Gera-lynn Stewart Frey, Audrey Suzanne Grif-fin, Bailey Marie Hartness, John Robertson Hatcher, Erin Rachel Hathorn, Kelsey Hope Hill, Amanda Mae Howard, Codi Taylor Ingle, Jacob Olen Johnson, Katelyn Suzanne Jordan, Tate William Rogers, Jay Danner Shotts, Mallory Kate Sloan, Anthony Delmar Tatum and Brock Kendall Ward;

NOXAPATER: Ethel Marie Spiva and Michael Jason Young;

HONORABLE MENTION

The following students were named to the Honorable Mention List and earned a 3.0 or above grade point average:

LOUISVILLE: Jocelyn Lashara Coleman,

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ECCC Presidents Council

The above students currently serve as members of the Presidents Council at East Central Community College in Decatur. The Presidents Council is made up of leaders of all campus clubs and organizations and was established to provide better communications between the student groups and the President's office. Members and their respective organizations include (seated, from left) Cody Strait of Hickory, Ac'cents show choir; Dr. Phil Sutphin, ECCC President; Anna Alexander (president) of Little Rock, Phi Theta Kappa; Matt Griffin (vice president) of Union, Resident Assistants; Randall Lee, ECCC Vice President for Student Services; and Alexis Graham of Philadelphia, Phi Beta Lambda; (second row, from left) Hannah Peoples of Lawrence, Warrior Corps; Rose Eichelberger of Noxapater, Practical Nurses Association; Nigel Allen of Carthage, Native American Club; Reggie Davis of Decatur, sophomore class president; Summer Ward of Union, Sigma Sigma Mu Tau; Kayla Rae Stevenson of Morton, Environmental Club; Graylon Foster of Philadelphia, the Collegians; Tyler Barrett of Decatur, freshman class president; Chance Sistrunk of Carthage, Alpha Alpha Epsilon; Chad Mangum of Aberdeen, Baptist Student Union; and Cody Spence of House, Astronomy Club; and (back row, from left) Colby Harvey of Lawrence, Wo-He-Lo yearbook; Tiffany Spence of Decatur, ECCC Concert Choir; Laura Gunn of Forest, Baptist Student Union; Miata Evans of Newton, EC Gospel Choir; Brandon Boulton of Decatur, Wall O' Sound Band; Monica Vincent of Decatur, Fellowship of Christian Athletes; Lindsey Bishop of Sebastopol, Student Body Association President; Tamara McPhail of Pelahatchie, Diamond Darlings; Virginia Holyfield of Little Rock, Warrior Corps; Summer Richardson of Union, EC Players; Sarah Breland of Philadelphia, Astronomy Club; and Christina Nollie of Carthage, The Tom-Tom newspaper. Not pictured is Kelsey Hill (secretary) of Louisville, Student Education Association. (EC Photo)

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ECCC's Award-Winning PBL Students: These Phi Beta Lambda members at East Central Community College in Decatur won various honors at the 2011 State PBL Leadership Conference held recently in Natchez. All ECCC participants received first - or second-place awards in at least one area of competition and qualified for the National PBL Conference scheduled this summer in Orlando, Fla. Fourteen of the 19 competitors captured first-place awards and EC's Theta Chi placed in 24 of 27 events and was one of only two chapters in the state designated as a Gold Seal Chapter. Club members also placed fourth in raising funds for the March of Dimes. Award-winners include (seated from left) Kim Amerson of Newton, first place awards in Statistical Analysis and Parliamentary Procedures; Tyeisha Meeks of Lawrence, first place, Desktop Publishing; Chelsea Gilmer, first place, Free Enterprise Project, Alexis Graham, first place, Free Enterprise Project and second place, Local Chapter Annual Business Report, Rachel Alexander, first place, Justice Administration and second place, International Business, and Belinda Alexander, first place awards in Public Speaking and Future Business Executive, all of Philadelphia; and Chance Hall of Forest, first place, Community Service; fourth, Marketing Concepts; and Who's Who; and (standing from left) Bryan Wiseman, first place, Network Design, fourth place, Web site Design and Who's Who; Johnny Jones, first place, Parliamentary Procedures and second place, Marketing Analysis and Decision Making; Ryan Gillis, first place, Parliamentary Procedures, second place, Justice Administration and Who's Who, and Joe Morgan, first place, Parliamentary Procedures and second place, Client Service, all of Newton; Tracy Triplett of Philadelphia, first place, Parliamentary Procedures; Caleb Raines of Little Rock, second place awards in Information Management and Small Business Plan; Tina Pittman of Forest, second place, Business Preparation and third place, Financial Analysis and Decision Making; Mia Claiborne of Newton, second place, Business Presentation, third, Economic Analysis and Decision Making and Who's Who; Christina Nollie of Carthage, first place awards in Word Processing and Desktop Publishing; Lisa Jay of Newton, second, Small Business Plan; Janie Mayfield of Union, second place, Small Business Plan and third place, Management Concepts; and Zach Gibbs of Forest, first place awards in Cyber Security and Network Design.

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Mrs. Molly McGee (center) of Hickory was honored for her 35 years of service on the cafeteria staff at East Central Community College during a ceremony March 1. The Gold Room, also known as the Faculty Dining Room, in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria was officially named in her honor during the special program. McGee, affectionately known as "Ms. Molly," currently serves as office manager and "official greeter" at the cafeteria entrance. George M. Ardelean (left), executive vice president for dining and health services at Valley Services, Inc., in Jackson, which operates the College's food service, is shown presenting a commemorative clock to the longtime cafeteria staff member and provided comments about her dedicated service. At right is ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin who also participated in the program.



Justin Ray Adcock of Conehatta and Virginia Faye "Jenny" Holyfield of Little Rock were recently selected Mr. and Miss East Central Community College by a vote of the student body association.

Adcock, the son of Ronnie and Kristi Adcock, is a 2009 graduate of Newton County High School and is a psychology and music business major. He is a member of the East Central Environmental Club and was a member of the Wall O' Sound Marching Band his freshman year.

Holyfield is the daughter of John and Patsy Holyfield and is a 2009 graduate of Newton County High School.

A business administration major, she serves as vice president of the sophomore class and is a member of the ECCC Concert Choir, Phi Theta Kappa, President's Council and Warrior Corps.

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FBLA DISTRICT WINNERS



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Neshoba Central High School students who placed at FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) District Competition at East Central Community College. Shown are front row, from left, David Fortenberry (first, Parliamentary Procedure), Kristy Bradley (sixth, Intro to Technology Concepts), Hannah Clark (first, Intro to Parliamentary Procedure), Leah Ferguson (first, FBLA Principles & Procedures), Maribeth Stuart (sixth, Intro to Business), Ava Cumberland (first, Parliamentary Procedure), Kimberly Talbert (first, Parliamentary Procedure); second row, from left, Carrie McLemore (fourth, Global Business), Jeremy Hudson (first, Technology Concepts), Allison Perry (fourth, Global Business), Brandon Johnson (first, Public Speaking I), M.E. Clark (fifth, Job Interview), Hailey Rhodes (third, Business Procedures); third row, from left, Brittney Coleman (third, Public Speaking II), Denzel Clemmons (third, Marketing), Kayla Greer (first, Parliamentary Procedure), Jermaine Russell (third, Business Law), Janera Triplett (fourth, Business Communication), Kirstie Downey (third, Computer Applications), and Haleigh Graham (second, Economics). These students will compete at the FBLA State Competition in April. Neshoba Central FBLA advisers are Lisa Greenwood and Raye Carol Eakes.

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Scott County Students in ECCC Musical

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Winston County Educators Attend ECCC Workshop

These area educators recently attended the annual High School Counselors' Workshop at East Central Community College in Decatur, where they were provided information on academic transfer, career-technical and healthcare programs, ACT testing, financial aid, scholarships, housing and admissions. Winston County counselors attending included (from left) Beverly Ballard, Winston Academy; Samaria Hudson, Noxapater Attendance Center; and Jawana Young, Noxapater. Also pictured is Lanette Hanna, ECCC academic counselor/recruiter. (EC Photo)

Math Tourney



These Nanih Waiya Attendance Center students participated in the District Junior High Math Tournament held Thursday, Feb. 24, 2011, at East Central Community College in Decatur. From left are Kenley McMullan, Haley McHenry, Erin Holdiness and Stephanie Smith. McMullan finished second in the seventh grade competition. The annual contest is sponsored by the Mississippi Council of Teachers of Mathematics. (EC Photo)

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EC students named to academic teams

East Central Community College sophomores Meredith McKee and Sarah Breland, both of Philadelphia, were recently named on the 2011 All-Mississippi Academic Teams.

The annual program recognizes scholarly achievements and leadership accomplishments of students enrolled in the state's two year colleges and is coordinated by The Clarion-Ledger, Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society, Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges and the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges.

This year's 58 honorees were recognized March 2 at the State Capitol by the Mississippi Legislature and guests of honor at a luncheon held at the Jackson Marriott. Sen. Terry C. Burton of Newton served as master of ceremonies.

McKee is among 15 students statewide chosen on the All-Mississippi First Team and will receive a \$1,000 scholarship to continue her education.

As a First Team member, McKee will also compete for placement on the national All-USA Academic Team for Community Colleges, sponsored by USA Today, Phi Theta Kappa and the American Association of Community Colleges.

The 20 students receiving All-USA First-Team recognition will be featured in the April 19 issue of USA Today and each will receive a \$2,500 stipend.

McKee, a President's List scholar with a perfect 4.0 grade point average, chose education psychology as her program of study. Her career goal is to become a counselor.

She serves as sophomore class treasurer and was chosen a sophomore maid on the 2010 Homecoming Court.

McKee was a member of Phi

Beta Lambda her freshman year and received several awards at the 2010 PBL State Convention.

She is also a member of Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for two-year colleges, where she serves as vice president of service; Baptist Student Union, serving on the BSU Council and The Way Drama Team; and the Wesley Foundation.

In addition, she is a member of the Warrior Corps, ECCC Players and the WO-HE-LO yearbook staff.

She was also named to Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges for 2010-11.

An honor graduate and valedictorian of Neshoba Central High School, McKee received numerous scholarships to attend ECCC, including the Philadelphia Rotary Scholarship, ACT Scholarship, Presidential Scholarship, Sam Rush Memorial Scholarship and Landon Burt Scholarship.

She is involved in various community service projects, including Operation Christmas Child.

McKee is the daughter of Greg and Linda McKee of Philadelphia.

Breland, who was named to the 2011 All-Mississippi Academic Second Team, is a pre-dental major at EC, where she is a President's and Dean's list scholar.

She was selected a freshman and sophomore beauty and was chosen a freshman maid on the 2010 Homecoming Court.

She serves as president of the Astronomy Club and vice president of Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa.

Breland is also member of the Warrior Corps, Sigma Sigma Mu Tau and the Centralettes, the dance line for the Wall O' Sound Marching Band. In addition, she

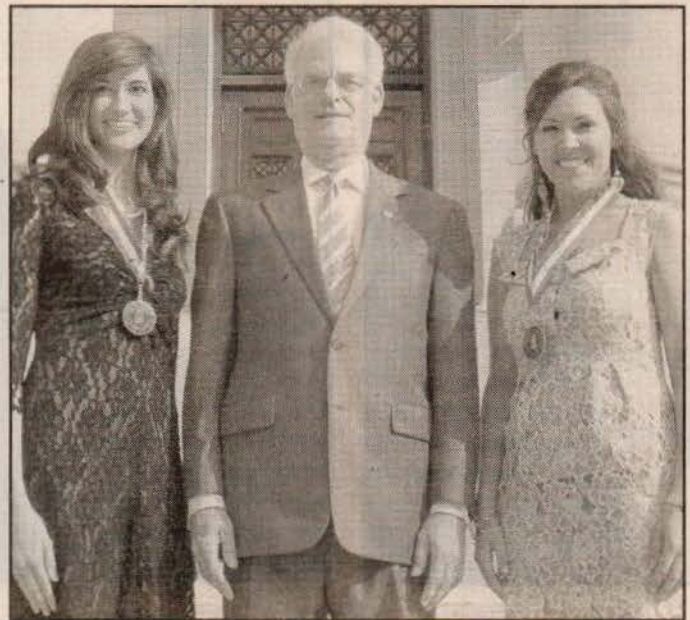


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Representing East Central Community College in Decatur on the 2011 All-Mississippi Academic Teams are sophomores Meredith McKee, and Sarah Breland, right, both of Philadelphia, who are shown with ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin in front of the Mississippi State Capitol.

serves as a manager on the College's softball squad.

She was also named to Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges.

Breland was salutatorian at Neshoba Central High School, where she received various academic and athletic honors. She also received numerous scholarships to attend ECCC, including Presidential, ACT, and Warrior Golf Classic awards.

Her community service projects include serving as a volunteer for Hope Village for Children and American Heart Association. She also participated in relief

efforts following a tornado in Caledonia.

She is the daughter of Andy and Angie Breland of Philadelphia.

Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society administers the All-State and All-USA Academic Team Programs from its Jackson-based headquarters. This year, 37 states will sponsor All-State Academic Team programs using the All-Mississippi program as a model.

ECCC faculty members Kate Covich and Curt Skipper serve as advisers for ECCC's Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa.

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'CAPITOL DAY' PARTICIPANTS



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Proudly wearing "Vote Mississippi Values" shirts while displaying the "Mississippi Values" banner are representatives from East Central Community College in Decatur, who participated in "Capitol Day" at the Mississippi State Capitol in Jackson. The annual event is sponsored by the 900-member Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges Faculty Association in support of the state's community and junior colleges. Emphasis this year is to urge lawmakers to follow through on their 2007 commitment to mid-level funding. Mid-level mandates per-student funding for community and junior colleges that is midway between per-student funding for K-12 students and regional public university students. The colleges need \$134 million to completely achieve mid-level funding, which is a gap of \$2,288 per student. From left are: sophomore Garrett Moore, Union; Kate Covich, speech instructor; Wanda Hurley, Chair of Social Science, Physical Education and Business Division and economics instructor; Marc McCool, social science instructor; sophomore Anna Alexander, Little Rock; sophomore John Blount, Philadelphia; freshman Raychal Reed, Louisville; Chris Harris, director of personnel services/athletic director/work-based learning coordinator; Christy Ferguson, business technology instructor; and freshman Joe Morgan and sophomore Brian Wiseman, both of Newton.

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ECCC Players to present 'All Shook Up'

The East Central Community College players will present their spring musical selection, "All Shook Up," at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 31 through Saturday, April 2 in the Vickers Fine Arts Auditorium on the Decatur campus. Matinees are scheduled for 9 a.m. Tuesday, March 29 and Friday, April 1. Tickets are \$10 and may be purchased by calling the College switchboard at 601-635-2111 or 1-877-462-3222.

The story is set in a small Midwest town in the 1950s, where Chad (Matthew Dempsey of Louisville), a hip-swiveling, guitar-playing roustabout rides into town, and, due to his charm and influence, has the most unlikely people falling in love.

Joan Grimes, who is serving her fourth year as theater director, said, "This is a comedy of mistaken identity built on the plot of Shakespeare's 'Twelfth Night,' but jam-packed with songs made famous by Elvis! Get ready to laugh, rock and roll!"

Additional cast members include Polly Vaughn (Natalie Haller) and Monica Vincent (Lorraine), both of Decatur; Jessy Harrison (Sandra) of

Little Rock; Dustin Cullen (Dennis) of Carthage; Baleigh Viverette (Sylvia), Alex Chappell (Dean Hyde) and Scott Rivers (Sheriff Earl), all of Union; Chad Mangum (Jim Haller) of Aberdeen; Kelsey Hill (Mayor Matilda Hyde) of Nanih Waiya; Lindsay Gibbs (Henrietta) of Morton; and James Cumberland (Warden) of Sebastopol.

Chorus members include Lindsay Bishop (lead choreographer) and Anna Marie Leach, both of Sebastopol; Celia Boggan of Decatur; Anna Alexander of Little Rock; Brittany Burton and Raychal Reed, both of Louisville; Sami Elkins of Lena; Marissa Gordy of Forrest; Meredith McKee and Brandy Talbert, both of Philadelphia; Tamara McPhail of Pelahatchie; and Alyse Webb of Noxapater. Brandon Boulton of Hickory also serves as lead choreographer.

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Winston Students in ECCC Musical

These students from Winston County are among cast members for the East Central Community College musical production of "All Shook Up" by Jo DiPietro scheduled March 29 - April 2 in the Vickers Fine Arts Center on the Decatur campus. Matinee performances will be held Tuesday, March 29 and Thursday, March 31, beginning at 9 a.m. each day. Evening performances begin at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 30; Friday, April 1; and Saturday, April 2. Cast members include Matthew Dempsey (lying on chair) of Louisville, and (standing from left) Kelsy Hill, Nanih Waiya; Alyse Webb, Noxapater; and Raychal Reed and Brittany Burton, both of Louisville. Joan Grimes serves as director. Tickets are \$10 for each performance and go on sale beginning Monday, March 21. For more information, call the College switchboard, 601-635-2111 or call toll free, 1-877-462-3222.

ECCC choral director/vocal music instructor Vicki Blaylock serves as vocal director. The band includes ECCC music keyboard instructors Natalie Emmons and Len Bobo, piano; assistant band director Ed Girling, drums; ABE/GED director Ryan Clarke, bass guitar; and Fine Arts

Division Chairperson Tom Carson, guitar instructor and Director of Bands Set designer is art Brady.

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Class favorites

Sophomore class favorites at East Central Community College include, front row, from left Chad Mangum of Aberdeen, Tamara McPhail of Pelahatchie, Anna Alexander of Little Rock and Ben Stewart of Grenada; back row, Josh Jarriel of Philadelphia, Polly Vaughn of Decatur and Matt Griffin of Union. Not pictured is Brittany Parker of Decatur. (EC Photo)

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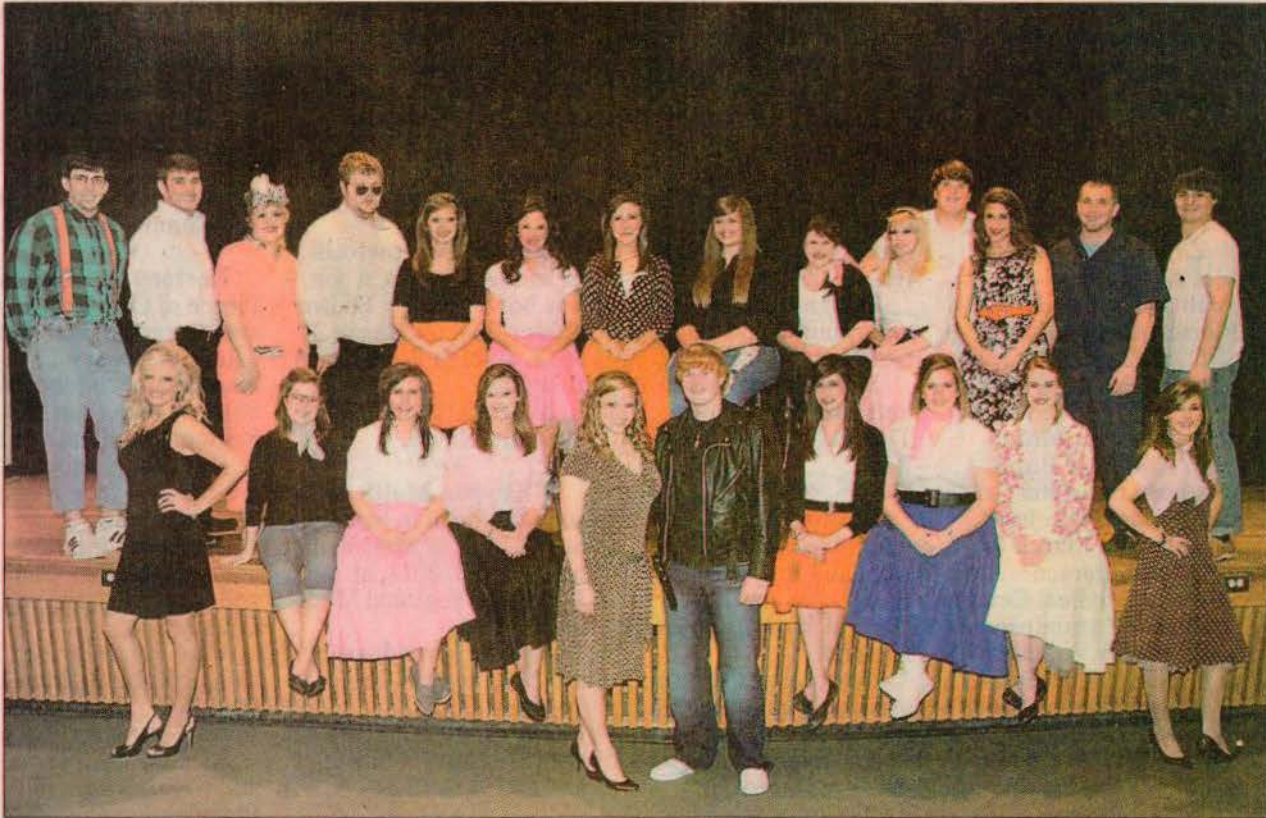
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'ALL SHOOK UP' CAST



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The Vickers Fine Arts Center stage at East Central Community College in Decatur will soon be rockin' when the ECCC Players present "All Shook Up" by Jo DiPietro as the 2011 spring musical. Matinee performances are scheduled at 9 a.m. March 29 and March 31. Evening performances begin at 7 p.m. March 31-April 2. Cast members and their respective hometowns include: first row, from left, Jessy Harrison and Anna Alexander, both of Little Rock; Tamara McPhail, Pelahatchie; Marissa Gordy, Forest; Polly Vaughn, Decatur; Matthew Dempsey, Louisville; Meredith McKee, Philadelphia; Lindsey Gibbs, Morton; Brittany Burton, Louisville; Monica Vincent, Decatur; and second row, from left, Dustin Cullen, Carthage; Alex Chappell, Union; Kelsy Hill, Nanih Waiya; Scott Rivers, Union; Sami Elkins, Lena; Raychal Reed, Louisville; Alyse Webb, Noxapater; Brandy Talbert, Philadelphia; Celia Boggan, Decatur; Lindsey Bishop, Sebastopol; Josh Jarriel, Philadelphia; Baleigh Viverette, Union; Chad Mangum, Aberdeen; and James Cumberland, Sebastopol. Not pictured is Anna Leach, Sebastopol. Joan Grimes serves as musical director. Tickets are \$10 for each performance and go on sale beginning Monday. For more information, call the college switchboard, (601) 635-2111 or call toll free, (877) 462-3222.

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ECCC students visit area state legislators

East Central Community College students are shown with State Representatives (fourth from left) Billy Nicholson of Little Rock and Scott Bounds of Philadelphia, during "Capitol Day" activities held Feb. 17 at the Mississippi State Capitol in Jackson. ECCC students are, from left, sophomore Garrett Moore of Union, freshman Joe Morgan of Newton, freshman Raychal Reed of Louisville, sophomore Anna Alexander of Little Rock, sophomore John Blount of Philadelphia and sophomore Brian Wiseman of Newton. Capitol Day is an annual event sponsored by the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges' Faculty Association to show support for the state's community and junior colleges. (EC Photo)

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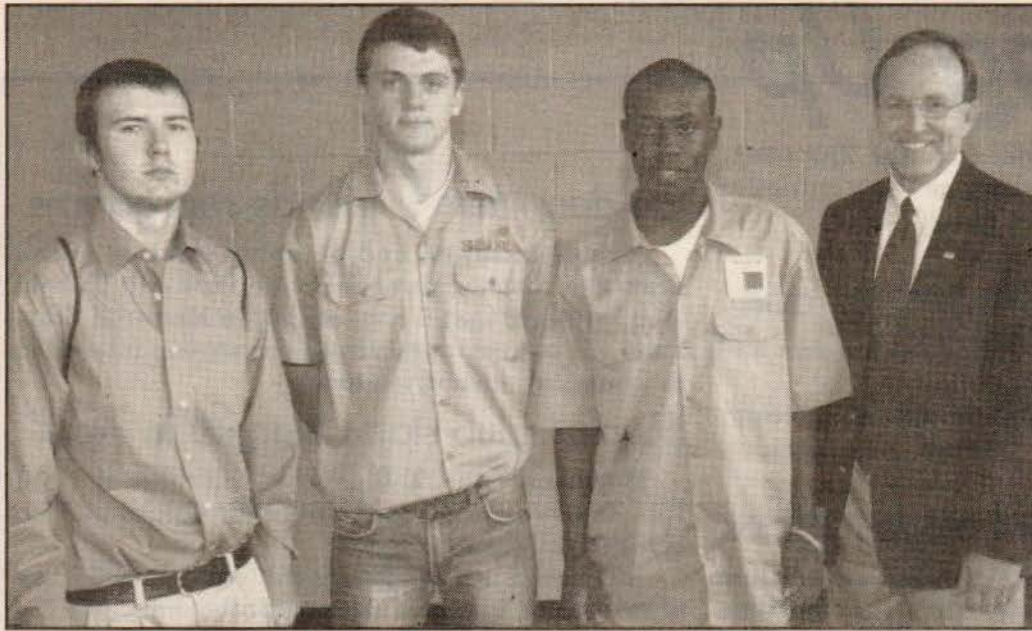
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Cabinetmaking honors

These students received top honors in the "Cabinetmaking" competition in the Mississippi SkillsUSA Championships for Region II held at East Central Community College in Decatur. Approximately 400 area students participated in the annual event. Pictured are (from left) Archie Johnson, first place, Leake County Career-Technical Center;

Connor Atwood, second, Smith County Career-Technical Center; and Kendrell Sherrod, third, Winston/Louisville Career-Technical Center. Also pictured is Wayne Eason, ECCC Director of Workforce Education. The winners advance to state competition scheduled April 13-14 at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College.



Soccer signee

Erin Thornton of Walnut Grove recently signed a national letter of intent with East Central Community College. Her parents are Laura and Wes Lewis.

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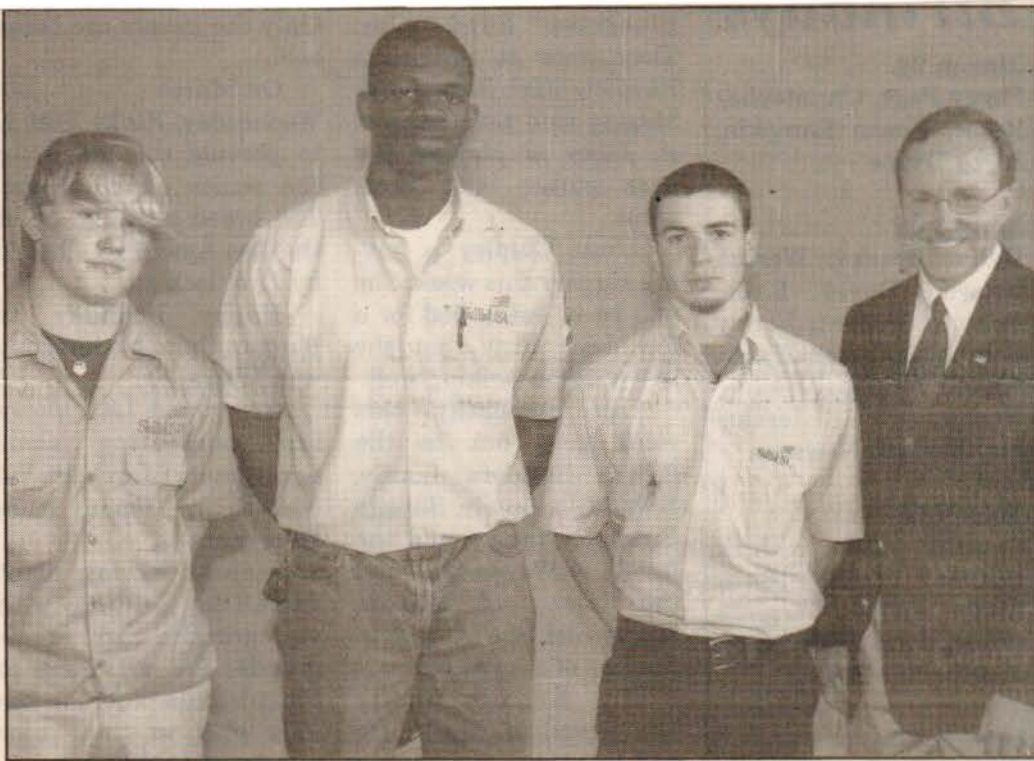
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Automotive tech winners

These students received top honors in the "Automotive Service Technology" competition in the Miss. SkillsUSA Championships for Region II held at East Central Community College in Decatur. Approximately 400 area students participated in the annual event. Pictured are (from left) Lee Blackwell, first place, Forest/Scott County Career and Technology

Center; Cornelious Jones, second, Leake County Career-Technical Center; and Matthew Ruffin, third, Madison Career and Technical Center. Also pictured is Wayne Eason, ECCC Director of Workforce Education. The winners advance to state competition scheduled April 13-14 at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College.



Cast member

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ECCC PTK OFFICERS



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Serving as officers of East Central Community College's Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for two-year colleges, are: front row, from left: Sarah Breland of Philadelphia, vice president of scholarship; Celia Boggan of Decatur, vice president of fellowship; Anna Alexander of Little Rock, president; Laura Gunn of Forest, vice president; Shaquinta Ickom of Lake, chapter representative; Morgan Bailey of Philadelphia, vice president of scholarship; and, second row, from left: Meredith McKee of Philadelphia, vice president of service; Matt Griffin of Union, vice president of leadership; Jennifer Moore-Pope, vice president of membership; and Walton Stinson of Philadelphia, vice president of membership. Also serving as officers are Lindsey Bishop of Sebastopol, vice president of public relations; John Blount of Philadelphia, vice president of fellowship; Kiswana Burnside of Lake, vice president of leadership; and Kathryn White of Meridian, vice president of service. ECCC faculty members Kate Covich and Curt Skipper serve as advisors.

JUCO BASEBALL

ECCC Diamond Warriors sweep nationally ranked Hinds

DECATUR — East Central Community College's Diamond Warriors grabbed a pair of wins against nationally ranked Hinds Community College Saturday at the Clark/Gay Baseball Complex.

Vincent Kortbawi belted a two-run homer in the fourth inning and gave East Central the lead for good in an 8-3 victory in the opener, and Kortbawi doubled and singled and drove in four Warriors in a 10-0 shutout in the nightcap to complete the sweep. He also scored twice.

With the wins, East Central improved to 13-9 overall and 2-2 in the MACJC South Division. Hinds, ranked 11th in the latest NJCAA Division II poll, fell to 14-6 and 1-3.

Kortbawi also doubled in the first contest and finished two-for-four at the plate with two RBIs. He also scored twice.

Jeremy May also had a productive outing for EC, as the former Newton County High School standout collected two singles, an RBI and scored on Kortbawi's two-run blast.

Colton Mitchell picked up the win for East Central, allowing five hits and two earned runs through six innings. Mitchell, a southpaw from Lake, also fanned two batters and walked one. Right-hander Cal Cossich hurled the seventh inning, allowing one earned run on one hit.

May also continued his hitting streak in the second contest, as he collected a double and two singles. He also knocked in a run.

Southpaw Pervis Mann hurled four scoreless innings in notching the victory, which was called after five innings due to the 10-run rule. He allowed two hits, fanned a batter and walked one. Right-hander Mitchell Wooten pitched the final inning and fanned a batter.

East Central hosts division foe Co-Lin Community College (13-7, 2-2) today in a 3 p.m. doubleheader.

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First chair



Receive First Chair Honors During ECCC Band Clinic

These local musicians received first chair, first band honors during the 33rd annual East Central Community College Invitational Band Clinic held recently on the Decatur campus. The two-day clinic is comprised of first and second bands, which include the top musicians from the ECCC district. The clinic concludes with a concert in Huff Auditorium. Students receiving first chair, first band honors and their respective schools include (front row, from left) Tyler Gilmore (tuba) and Chandler Smith (mallets), both of Newton County; Ashley Cumberland (flute), Nicki Slade (trumpet), Samantha Farley (clarinet) and Dylan Brister (baritone saxophone), all of Neshoba Central; Cammeron Higgason (contra bass clarinet), Philadelphia; and Aeven Avera (bass clarinet), Newton County; (second row, from left) Evan Derrick (trombone), Morton; Josh Thompson (battery percussion), Louisville; Spencer Sims (tenor saxophone) and Zack Peden (alto saxophone), both of Neshoba Central; Dylan Raines (French horn), Newton County; and Kayla Sudath (baritone), Morton. Zachary Harris, band director at Gulfport High School, served as guest clinician for the first band and Keith Moffat of Olde Town Middle School in Ridgeland directed the second band. Thomas W. Carson serves as ECCC Director of Bands. (EC Photo)

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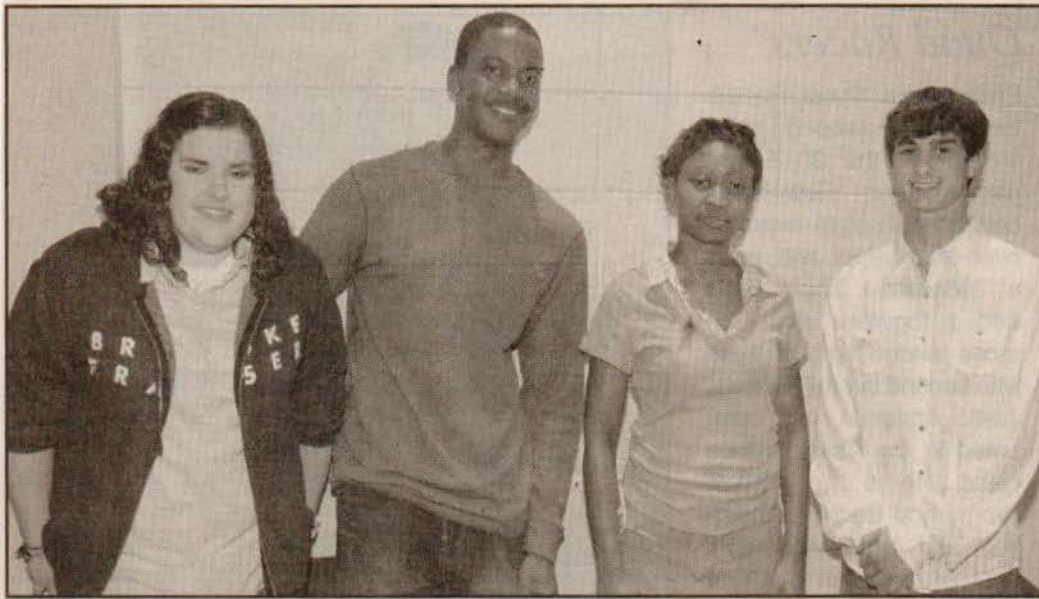
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'EC's Got Talent' winners

East Central Community College in Decatur held their annual talent show recently in Vickers Fine Arts Auditorium. From left are EC's Got Talent's Grand Prize Winner Layna Shackelford, a freshman liberal arts major from Columbus, who sang and played on the guitar "Loving You is Easy;" second place winners, an acapella duo, sophomore computer networking major Carolyn Young of Philadelphia and freshman liberal arts major Avery Ward of Morton; and third place winner was Austin Dye of Carthage, a sophomore engineering major, who played guitar and sang "Man of Constant Sorrows." (EC PHOTO)

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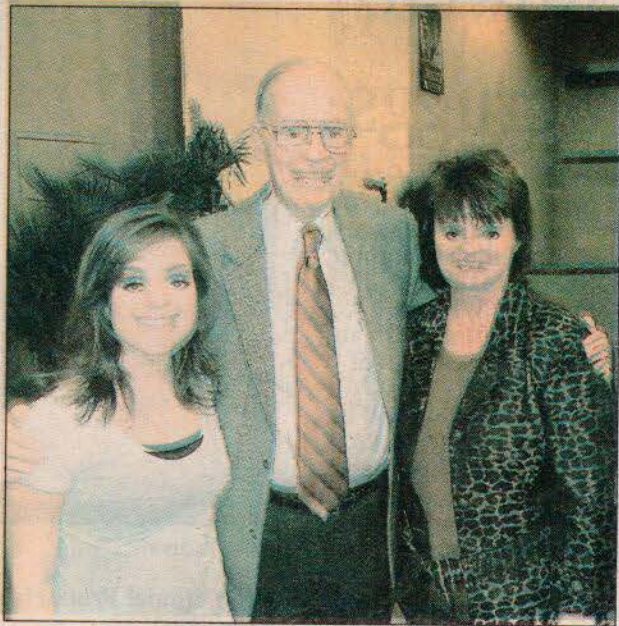
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WINTER SCHOLARS



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Sophomore Anna Alexander (left) of Little Rock and English instructor Ann Durham (right) of Forest represented East Central Community College in Decatur at the Natchez Literary and Cinema Celebration. The 22nd annual event is held to recognize outstanding students and teachers in the humanities division of Mississippi's colleges, community colleges and universities. The honorees are referred to as "William Winter Scholars" in honor of former Gov. Winter (center), who has served as the Celebration's director of proceedings since it began in 1990. Alexander, a communications major and President's List scholar, holds leadership positions in several campus organizations. She is also a recipient of numerous honors, including first-place awards in public speaking and parliamentary procedure in the statewide Phi Beta Lambda competition. A home-schooled student, Alexander is the daughter of George and Cindy Alexander of Little Rock. Durham joined the ECCC English faculty in August 2006. Durham was previously employed with the Forest Municipal School District, where she served as teacher, division chair, personnel liaison and student teacher mentor. She received several awards for excellence during her 20-year career at Forest, including STAR Teacher, Principal's Choice and Teacher's Choice. At EC, Durham teaches Beginning English, Intermediate English, English Composition I and II and American Literature. She is a recipient of the 2009 Lamplighter Award, which is presented to the state's outstanding community and junior college instructors. Durham holds an associate's degree from ECCC, a bachelor's degree from the University of Southern Mississippi and a master's degree from Mississippi State University. She is married to Mike Durham. They have two children and one grandchild.

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Soph Centralettes honored

Sophomore members of East Central Community College's Centralettes, the dance line for the Wall O' Sound Marching Band for 2010-11, were honored during "Sophomore Appreciation Night" activities held at the season's final home basketball games in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building on the Decatur campus. Honorees and their respective high schools

include (from left) Lindsey Bishop, Sebastopol; Sami Elkins, Forest; Ariel Doggett, Edinburg; Mary Margaret Kirk, Noxapater; Marley Hanna, Forest; Breshawn McNeal, Newton; Erin Hall, Neshoba Central; and Emily Hathorn, Louisville. Nichol Hillman serves as choreographer/coordinator.

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Above are members of the East Central Community College's Concert Choir who will present their spring concert at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 19 in the Vickers Fine Arts Center on the Decatur campus. There is no charge for admission. Choir members include (first row, from left) Vicki Blaylock, director; Tamara McPhail, Pelahatchie; Hailey Dunavant, Newton; Monica Vincent, Decatur; Liz Withers, Philadelphia; Whitney Myers, Decatur; Audrey Cannon, Flowood; Brittany Harrison and Kristen Everett, both of Forest; Lindsey Miller, Decatur; Anna Alexander, Little Rock; Tiffany Hennington, Decatur; Hannah Clay, Lake; Andrea McSwain and Celia Boggan, both of Decatur; Megan Sharp, Philadelphia; Ashley Amis, Decatur; and Natalie Emmons, accompanist; (second row, from left) Emily Pace, Newton; Jamiah Gallaspy, Forest; Courtney Lanier and Polly Vaughn, both of Decatur; Kelsie Mann, Hickory; Nicole Franklin, Philadelphia; Summer Richardson and Brittany Bobo, both of Union; Morgan Bailey, Philadelphia; Jerilyn Crosby, Forest; Tiffany Sims, Decatur; and Ellen Gibbs, Newton; (third row, from left) Kimberly Joiner, Little Rock; Katherine Kline, Decatur; Heather Roebuck, Little Rock; Tiffany Spence, Decatur; Marissa Gordy, Forest; Kelsey Hill, Nanih Waiya; Jessica Cherry, Carthage; Courtney Mackey, Meridian; Ava Marie Adkins, Union; Jessy Harrison, Little Rock; Tiffany Benson, Philadelphia; Jenny Holyfield, Little Rock; and Cayla Engle, Decatur; (fourth row, from left) Katie Reeves, Decatur; Lindsay Gibbs, Morton; Nickie Farmer, Hickory; Brandon Boulton, Decatur; Cody Strait, Hickory; Chris Johnson, Jackson; Tyler Yates, Decatur; Colby Harvey, Lawrence; Tyler Reeves, Decatur; Chad Mangum, Aberdeen; James Latiker, Carthage; Ryan Gillis, Decatur; Melody Mann, Newton; Laura Gunn, Forest; and Heather Hogue, Little Rock; and (fifth row, from left) Matthew Dempsey, Louisville; Richard Ferguson and Kirby Keith, both of Decatur; Josh Jarriel, Philadelphia; Alvin Johnson, Carthage; Austin Jay, Union; Jason Mann, Newton; Tyler Barrett, Decatur; Zack Hutson, McComb; Tyler Comans, Sebastopol; Chris Spence, Lake; Mark Gross, Union; and Cole Harris, Decatur.

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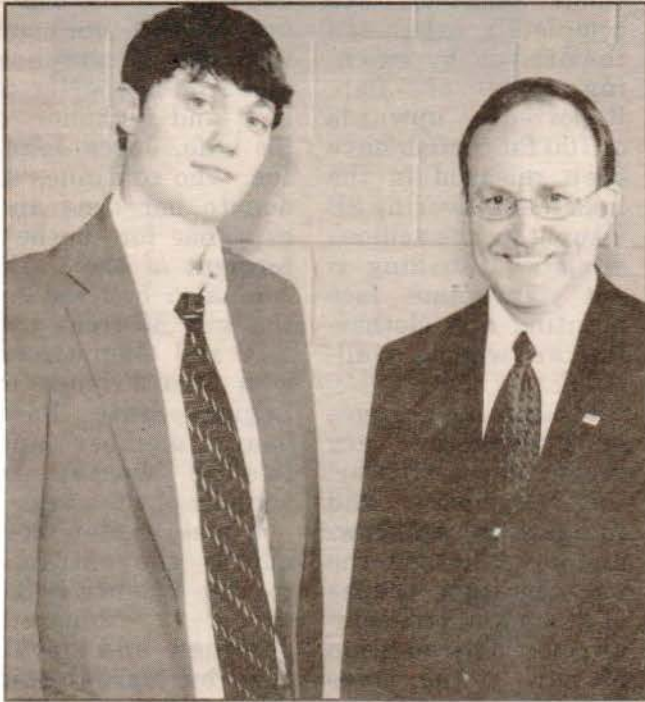
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Skills USA championship



Receives Top Honors in 'Architectural Drafting' Competition

Jake Thompson (left), a student at the Winston/Louisville Career-Technical Center, received top honors in the "Architectural Drafting" competition in the Mississippi SkillsUSA Championships for Region II held at East Central Community College in Decatur. Approximately 400 area students participated in the annual event. Also pictured is Wayne Eason, ECCC Director of Workforce Education. Thompson advanced to state competition scheduled April 13-14 at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College. (EC Photo)



Receive Top Honors in 'Job Interview' Competition

These students received top honors in the "Job Interview" competition in the Mississippi SkillsUSA Championships for Region II held at East Central Community College in Decatur. Approximately 400 area students participated in the annual event. Pictured are (from left) Jacques Redmond, first place, Madison Career and Technical Center; Brittany Adams, second, Choctaw County Career Center; and James Anderson, third, Madison Career and Technical Center. Also pictured is Wayne Eason, ECCC Director of Workforce Education. The winners advanced to state competition scheduled April 13-14 at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College. (EC Photo)

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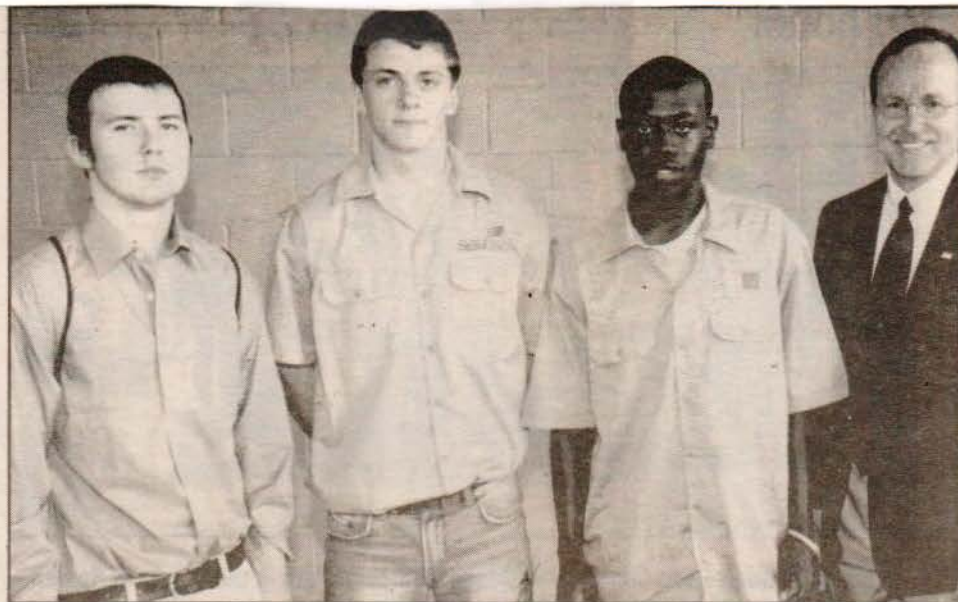
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Receive Top Honors in 'Cabinetmaking' Competition

These students received top honors in the "Cabinetmaking" competition in the Mississippi SkillsUSA Championships for Region II held at East Central Community College in Decatur. Approximately 400 area students participated in the annual event. Pictured are (from left) Archie Johnson, first place, Leake County Career-Technical Center; Connor Atwood, second, Smith County Career-Technical Center; and Kendrell Sherrod, third, Winston/Louisville Career-Technical Center. Also pictured is Wayne Eason, ECCC Director of Workforce Education. The winners advanced to state competition scheduled April 13-14 at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College. (EC Photo)



Receive Top Honors in 'Masonry' Competition

These students received top honors in the "Masonry" competition in the Mississippi SkillsUSA Championships for Region II held at East Central Community College in Decatur. Approximately 400 area students participated in the annual event. Pictured are (seated, from left) Jered Johnson, first place, Choctaw County Career Center; Jarral Shields, second, Millsaps Career and Technology Center in Starkville; and Deonta Hawthorne, third, Winston/Louisville Career and Technical Center; and (standing, from left) assistants Brandon Pruitt, Choctaw County Career Center; and Jamaal Clay, Millsaps Career and Technology Center. Also pictured is Wayne Eason, ECCC Director of Workforce Education. The winners advanced to state competition scheduled April 13-14 at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College. (EC Photo)



Finish Third in 'Opening and Closing Ceremonies' Competition

These students from the Winston/Louisville Career and Technology Center received third place honors in the "Opening and Closing Ceremonies" competition in the Mississippi SkillsUSA Championships for District III held at East Central Community College in Decatur. Approximately 400 area students participated in the annual event. Pictured are (seated, from left) Jeremy Card, Ethan Stevenson, Mitchell Boykin and Christian Grice; and (standing, from left) Don Whitfield, Danielle Lewis and Taylor Falke. Also pictured is Wayne Eason, ECCC Director of Workforce Education. The winners advanced to state competition scheduled April 13-14 at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College. (EC Photo)



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Runners-Up in 'Opening and Closing Ceremonies' Competition

These students from the Winston/Louisville Career-Technical Center received second place honors in the "Opening and Closing Ceremonies" competition in the Mississippi SkillsUSA Championships for Region II held at East Central Community College in Decatur. Approximately 400 area students participated in the annual event. Pictured are (seated, from left) Elizabeth Hurt, Lillian Griffin, Austin Burnham and Chase Collins; and (standing, from left) Jeanna Gund, Tyren Jackson and Zakeiz Carter. Also pictured is Wayne Eason, ECCC Director of Workforce Education. The winners advance to state competition scheduled April 13-14 at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College. (EC Photo)

(Left) Receive Top Honors in 'Precision Machining' Competition

These students received top honors in the "Precision Machining" competition in the Mississippi SkillsUSA Championships for Region II held at East Central Community College in Decatur. Approximately 400 area students participated in the annual event. Pictured are (from left) Cameron Nowaki, first place, Winston/Louisville Career and Technical Center; Darin Hillman, second, Forest/Scott County Career and Technology Center; and Austin Galloway, third, Amory High School. Also pictured is Wayne Eason, ECCC Director of Workforce Education. The winners advanced to state competition scheduled April 13-14 at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College. (EC Photo)

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Members of the Ac'cents show choir and their respective hometowns include include (front row, from left) Courtney Lanier, Beulah Hubbard; Brandon Boulton, Newton; and Tiffany Wright, Decatur; (second row, from left) Tyler Barrett and Monica Vincent, both of Decatur; Jessy Harrison, Beulah Hubbard; and Zack Hutson, McComb; (third row, from left) Laura Gunn, Forest; Polly Vaughn and Richie Ferguson, both of Decatur; and (top, from left) Matthew Dempsey, Louisville; and Cody Strait, Hickory. Vicki Blaylock serves as director. (EC Photo)-

ECCC Ac'cents Concert Scheduled May 3

The Ac'cents, East Central Community College's show choir, will present their spring campus concert at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 3, in Vickers Fine Arts Center Auditorium on the Decatur campus. The public is invited and admission is free.

The popular group will present such hits as "Open Arms" by Journey, "Jump" by Van Halen, "Livin' on a Prayer" by Bon Jovi, "The Climb" by Miley Cyrus, "Thriller" by Michael Jackson, and other selections by artists such as Avril Lavigne, Travis Tritt and Sara Bareilles.

"I hope that everyone will make plans to attend the Ac'cents spring concert. The music includes something for everyone and the performance promises to be exceptional," said Vicki Blaylock, Ac'cents director.

Ac'cents members and their respective hometowns include Monica Vincent, Polly Vaughn, Tiffany Wright, Richie Ferguson and Tyler Barrett, all of Decatur; Courtney Lanier and Jessy Harrison, both of Beulah Hubbard; Laura Gunn, Forest; Cody Strait, Hickory; Zack Hutson, McComb; Brandon Boulton, Newton; and Matthew Dempsey, Louisville.

For more information or to schedule a performance, contact Blaylock at 601-635-6225, or toll free 1-877-462-3222, ext. 225. The email address is vblaylock@eccc.edu.



Participate In ECCC Senior Days

Louisville High School students (from left) Jasmine Slaughter, Denequa Glenn, Decembra Roberts and Deandra Goss were among those who attended East Central Community College's annual Senior Day activities held recently on the Decatur campus. They are shown during an information showcase held in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building featuring all campus clubs and organizations as well as information on academic, career, technical and health-related programs. Also on tap were performances by the Collegians rock-n-roll band, Ac'cents show choir, Jazz Band, Percussion Ensemble and the Centralettes dance line. The event concluded with a complimentary lunch. For more information or to schedule a campus visit, contact Randall Lee, Vice President for Student Services, at 601-635-6375. The e-mail address is rlee@eccc.edu.



These Louisville High School students attended East Central Community College's annual Senior Day activities held recently on the Decatur campus. From left are Deonta Hawthorne, Earl Gooden and Mercedes Leach. They are shown with ECCC academic counselor Lanette Hanna during an information showcase held in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building featuring all campus clubs and organizations as well as information on academic, career, technical and health-related programs. Also on tap were performances by the Collegians rock-n-roll band, Ac'cents show choir, Jazz Band, Percussion Ensemble and the Centralettes dance line. The event concluded with a complimentary lunch. For more information or to schedule a campus visit, contact Randall Lee, Vice President for Student Services, at 601-635-6375. The e-mail address is rlee@eccc.edu.

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Nanih Waiya Students Attend ECCC Senior Days

These Nanih Waiya High School students were among area seniors participating in East Central Community College's annual Senior Day activities held recently on the Decatur campus. Pictured are (second, from left) Yunika Gill, Chris Resh, Kayla Hall and Ashley Stokes. They are shown with mathematics instructor Sylvia Wright during an information showcase held in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building featuring all campus clubs and organizations as well as information on academic, career, technical and health-related programs. Also on tap were performances by the Collegians rock-n-roll band, Ac'cents show choir, Jazz Band, Percussion Ensemble and the Centralettes dance line. The event concluded with a complimentary lunch. For more information or to schedule a campus visit, contact Randall Lee, Vice President for Student Services, at 601-635-6375. The e-mail address is rlee@eccc.edu.



Winston County Students Attend ECCC Senior Days

These Winston County students were among area seniors participating in East Central Community College's annual Senior Day activities held recently on the Decatur campus. Pictured are (from left) Robbie Gregg and Brian Young, both of Noxapater; and Mia Arnault, Nathan Stone and Alexa Graham, all of Winston Academy. They are shown with history instructor Marc McCool during an information showcase held in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building featuring all campus clubs and organizations as well as information on academic, career, technical and health-related programs. Also on tap were performances by the Collegians rock-n-roll band, Ac'cents show choir, Jazz Band, Percussion Ensemble and the Centralettes dance line. The event concluded with a complimentary lunch. For more information or to schedule a campus visit, contact Randall Lee, Vice President for Student Services, at 601-635-6375. The e-mail address is rlee@eccc.edu.

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awards in the competition.

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- A first place finish for sophomore Rachel Ramirez of Forest, Best General Interest Column.

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nized with a second place award for Best Feature Story.

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Attends ECCC senior day

These Choctaw Central High School students attended East Central Community College's annual senior day activities held recently on the Decatur campus. From left are Breanna Vaughn, Mason Farmer, Jonathan Cotton, Austin Rivers and Zach Billie. They are shown with ECCC academic counselor Michael Alexander during an information showcase held in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building featuring all campus clubs and organizations as well as information on academic, career, technical and health-related programs. Also on tap were performances by the Collegians rock-n-roll band, Ac'cents show choir, Jazz Band, Percussion Ensemble and the Centralettes dance line. The event concluded with a complimentary lunch. For more information or to schedule a campus visit, contact Randall Lee, Vice President for Student Services, at 601-635-6375. The e-mail address is rlee@eccc.edu. (EC Photo)

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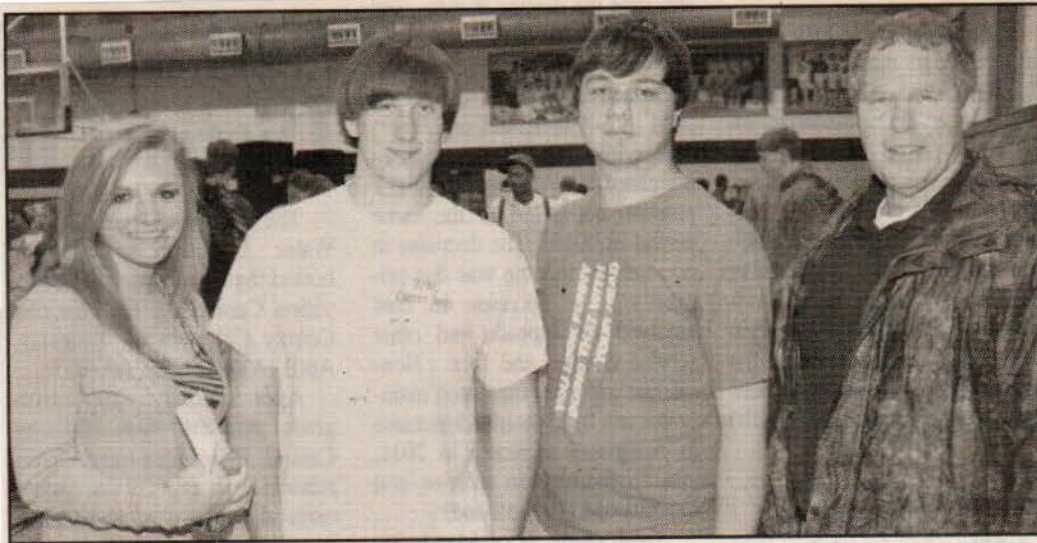
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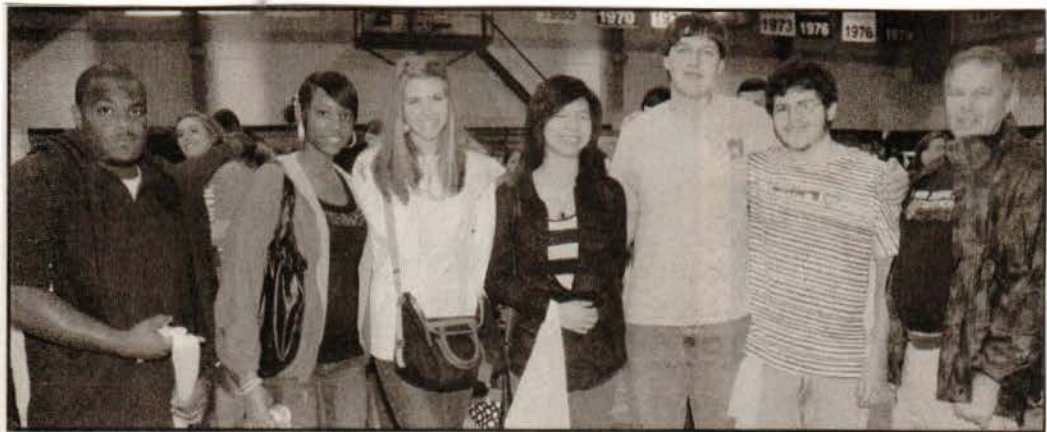
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These Neshoba Central students attended East Central Community College's annual senior day activities held recently on the Decatur campus. From left are Katherine Upchurch, Spencer Sims and Austin Savell. They are shown with ECCC academic counselor Michael Alexander during an information showcase.



Philadelphia students participate in EC Senior Days

These Philadelphia High School students attended East Central Community College's annual Senior Day activities held recently on the Decatur campus. From left are Russell Bennett, Shakira Young, Abby Posey, Yue Xing Lu, Blake Gordon and Michael Withrow. They are shown with ECCC academic counselor Michael Alexander during an information showcase held in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building featuring all campus clubs and organizations as well as information on academic, career, technical and health-related programs. Also on tap were performances by the Collegians rock-n-roll band, Accents show choir, Jazz Band, Percussion Ensemble and the Centralettes dance line. The event concluded with a complimentary lunch. For more information or to schedule a campus visit, contact Randall Lee, Vice President for Student Services, at 601-635-6375. The e-mail address is rlee@eccc.edu. (EC Photo)

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Members of East Central Community College's newspaper staff display various awards presented at the O.C. McDavid Journalism Conference held March 24 at historic Duling Hall in Jackson. Front row, from left, are Raychal Reed of Louisville; Ashley Moore, Meghan McIntosh and Christina Nollie, all of Carthage; Jennifer Moore-Pope of Forest; and Stephanie Lunsford of Collinsville; and back row, are Gennie Phillips, adviser; Tyler Yates of Decatur; and Colby Harvey of Newton. (EC Photo)

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These East Central Community College students were recently inducted into Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for two-year colleges. The purpose of Phi Theta Kappa is to promote scholarship, to develop character and to cultivate fellowship among academically superior students. Membership is by invitation only. To be eligible, students must have earned a 3.5 or better grade point average as a full-time students and have an overall grade point average of 3.5 or better. Pictured are (front row, from left) Hailey Dunavant and Olivia Capetillo, both of Newton; Madison Nowell, Louisville; Jori Long and Whitney Stokes, both of Philadelphia; Ashlee Lee, Forest; Wendy McCracken, Decatur; Kristen Grace Nettles, Forest; Emily Lucy, Newton; Ashley Arthur, Louisville; and Kelsey Hill, Nanih Waiya; (second row, from left) Danielle Pierce, Union; Shelby Powell, Collinsville; Rachel Sharp, Louisville; Kelsey Ladnier, Collinsville; Katie Reeves, Decatur; India Gilbert, Hannah Clay and Tracy Wolfe, all of Lake; LaTia Peavey, Carthage; Erin Hathorn and Katelyn Jordan, both of Louisville; Bridgett Hitt, Little Rock; Christina Nollie, Carthage; and Alyse Webb, Noxapater; (third row, from left) Ashley Moore, Carthage; Branna Terrell, Brooke Livingston, Shelby Hall and Loren Pullin, all of Union; Haleigh Parker, Foxworth; Ashley Barnett, Union; Krystle Bender, Newton; Erin Moore and Lindsey Adams, both of Carthage; Ashley Glaze, Lena; Raychal Reed and Audrey Griffin, both of Louisville; Edward Holmes, Decatur; and Seth Therrien, Newton; (fourth row, from left) Carrie Rushing, Decatur; Ashley Lovern, Philadelphia; Haley Chaney, Newton; Kameron Boulton, Hickory; Allie Pilgrim, Philadelphia; Jenna Purvis, Edinburg; Bonnie Evans, Philadelphia; Michelle Fender, Union; Andre Lucious, Tuscaloosa, Ala.; Matt Blackwell, Newton; Lindsay Gibbs, Morton; Brittany Burton, Louisville; James Cumberland, Sebastopol; Ben Reiss, Forest; and James Colvin, Newton; and (top row, from left) Kelsi Shelley, Sebastopol; Courtney Mackey, Meridian; Hunter Stovall and T.J. Kilgore, both of Philadelphia; Tate Rogers, Evan Humphries and Brock Ward, all of Louisville; Tyler Brant, Southaven; Seth Kidd, Enterprise; Kavon Moore, Newton; Miguel Medrano, Gonzales, La.; Dustin Cullen, Carthage; Kirby Keith, Decatur; Matthew Dempsey, Louisville; and Jason Mann, Newton. Kate Covich serves as adviser.

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ECCC inducts 95 new Phi Theta Kappa members

special to The Star

DECATUR – Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for two-year colleges, recently held induction ceremonies on the East Central Community College campus, where more than 95 students joined the prestigious organization.

The purpose of Phi Theta Kappa is to promote scholarship, to develop character and to cultivate fellowship among academically superior students. Membership is by invitation only. To be eligible, students must have earned a 3.5 or better grade point average as a full-time students and have an overall grade point average of 3.5 or better.

New members and their respective hometowns include Lindsey Renee Adams, Dustin Lamar Cullen, Ashley Elizabeth Moore, Erin Brooke Moore, Christina Lee Anna Nollie, LaTia Deshae Peavy, Jenna Marie Purvis, Carlee Morgan Snow and Karli Danielle Withers, all of Carthage; Annie Kaye Agee, Bay Springs; Haelie Kathleen Allen, Ashley Nicole Glaze and Layna Michelle Phillips, all of Lena; Cheonchet L. Andrews, Freniben J. Desai, Lindsay Alane Gibbs, Ashlee Elizabeth Lee, Kristen G. Nettles, Katie Elizabeth Pennington and Benjamin Michael Reiss, all of Forest.

Ashley Ann Arthur, Trent Lee Boswell, Channing Flynt Bucklew, Brittany Leigh Burton, Emily Grace Davis, Matthew Rural Dempsey, Audrey Suzanne Griffin, Erin Rachel Hathorn, Kelsey Hope Hill, Evan Wade Humphries, Katelyn Suzanne Jordan, Madison Claire Nowell, Raychal Ann Reed, Tate William Rogers, Tiandra Dawn Vickers, and Brock Kendall Ward, all of Louisville.

Ashley Briana Barnett, James Richard Cumberland, Michelle Dalene Fender, Shelby Leigh Hall, Brooke Nicole Livingston, Paula Danielle Pierce, Loren Elizabeth Pullin, Breanna Marie Terrell and Bailee Michele Viverette, all of Union.



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Lauderdale County Students Inducted Into ECCC Phi Theta Kappa
These Lauderdale County students were recently inducted into Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for two-year colleges at East Central Community College in Decatur. The purpose of Phi Theta Kappa is to promote scholarship, to develop character and to cultivate fellowship among academically superior students. Membership is by invitation only. To be eligible, students must have earned a 3.5 or better grade point average as a full-time students and have an overall grade point average of 3.5 or better. Pictured are (from left) Cynthia Williams, Meridian; Kelsey Ladnier, Collinsville; Courtney Mackey, Meridian; and Shelby Powell, Collinsville. Kate Covich serves as adviser.

Shajauna Lynnette Barrett and Bonnie Jean Shelton, both of Toomsba; Krystle Danielle Bender, Olivia Irene Capetillo, Haley Nicole Chaney, Hailey Rebecca Dunavant, Ladarian Leshun Johnson, Emily Dawn Lucy, Jason Roy Mann, Kavon Marquez Moore and Ammon Seth Therrien, all of Newton.

Matthew Thomas Blackwell, Kameron Jean'Nea Boulton and Wendy Donielle McCracken, all of Hickory; Russell Tyler Brant, Southaven; Hannah Kirby Case, Bonnie Ann Evans, Warren Dale Flake, Jessica Lynn Fortenberry, Auburn Alysa Hedgpeth, Truitt James Kilgore, Ashley Nashay Lovorn, Michael Dewayne Pierce, Kristin Allie Pilgrim, Timothy Lee Rock, Whitney Lauren Stokes and Bobby Hunter Stovall, all of Philadelphia.

Hannah Laree Clay, India Naomi Gilbert and Tracy Eliza-

beth Wolfe, all of Lake; James Charles Colvin and Bridgett Hines Hitt, both of Little Rock; Nikki Lynn Cumberland, Edward Holmes, Kirby Newell Keith, Katie Elizabeth Reeves, Carrie Elizabeth Rushing and Tyler Lewis Yates, all of Decatur.

Deidra Monique Hawkins, Dermott, Ark.; Susan Terrell Jones, Courtney Danielle Mackey, Shelby Taylor Powell and Cynthia Evonne Williams, all of Meridian; Nicolas Seth Kidd, Enterprise; Kelsey Erin Ladnier, Collinsville; Tony C. Lewis, Lawrence; Jorie Ann Long, Noxapater; Andre Juwan Lucious, Ralph, Ala.; Miguel Alberto Medrano, Gonzales, La.; Haleigh Elizabeth Parker, Foxworth; Rachel Elaine Sharp, Sturgis; Kelsi Renee Shelley, Conehatta; Kelsi Taylor Watson, Smithville; and Alyse Nicole Webb, Noxapater.

Kate Covich serves as adviser.



Scholarship winners.... These three ladies will each have an additional \$400 to apply towards their education expenses next year at East Central Community College in Decatur. They are the recipients of the money through the scholarship fund raising efforts of the Laird Hospital Volunteers, who fund the stipends for students studying in a healthcare-related field through bake sales and other activities during the year. This year's winners were (left to right): Philadelphia High School senior LaJoya Griffin, EC freshman Emily Franklin of Union and Lauren Daniels, a senior at Neshoba Central High School.

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ECCC SOPHOMORE BASEBALL PLAYERS HONORED

Sophomore members of the East Central Community College baseball team were honored during pre-game activities of the season finale with Southwest Mississippi Community College held Thursday, April 28 at the Clark/Gay Baseball Complex in Decatur. Honorees and their respective high schools include (seated from left) outfielder Tyler Brant, Southaven; infielder/second baseman Charles Hill, Carthage; outfielder Darmaal Moore, Stone County; catcher/infielder/outfielder Jeremy May, Newton County; outfielder Jerrod Myers, Jackson St. Andrews; right-handed pitcher/infielder Tyler Dalton, Winston Academy; and southpaw Bobby Bryan, Crossett (AK); and standing from left) right-handed pitcher Joel McKee, Neshoba Central; southpaws Colton Mitchell of Lake and Pervis Mann of Carthage; right-hander Cal Cossich, Ocean Springs; southpaw Willard Bacon, Choctaw Central; first baseman Richie Long, Carthage; and third baseman, Vincent Kortbawi of Hale County H.S. in Moundville, Ala. Not pictured is manager Scott Ming of Louisville. The sophomore standouts were joined by family members for the special ceremony. ECCC swept Southwest by scores of 10-3 and 9-3 to finish the regular season 26-18 overall and 13-11 in the MACJC South Division. (Note: EC defeated Pearl River 10-3 on May 3 to decide the South Division's No. 3 and No. 4 seedings for the state playoff series scheduled May 6-7. EC finished the regular season at 27-18). The Diamond Warrior program is led by head coach Neal Holliman and assistants Michael Avalon, Hunter Vick and Jesus Aleman.

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ECCC LPN STUDENTS WIN FIRST-PLACE HONOR

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Students of the Licensed Practical Nursing Program at East Central Community College in Decatur recently received first place in the Student Poster Contest at the Mississippi Licensed Practical Nursing Association Convention held at the Silver Star Resort & Casino in Choctaw for their poster titled, "Wild About Nursing." The team received a \$250 check for the ECCC Practical Nursing Association for the honor. Students receiving the top award for their poster include: front row, from left, Brook Addy of Decatur, Kim Thomas of Walnut Grove and Sandra Phillips of Morton; and back row, from left, Nancy Sciple of Decatur, Chestina Ingram of Louisville, Stephanie Peters of Philadelphia and Kim Noblin of Forest. Instructors for the LPN program are Theresa Cole, Alicia Gatlin and Melanie Pinter.

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ECCC newspaper staff awarded

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DECATUR – East Central Community College's student newspaper, The Tom-Tom, was among the top student newspapers in the state recognized during the 2011 O.C. McDavid Journalism Conference held at historic Duling Hall in Jackson.

East Central students earned 10 awards in the Mississippi Press Association's Better Newspaper Contest in the Community and Junior College Division, including second place in the general excellence award, the top award granted for student newspapers in the community college division for the state. The Tom-Tom also received two first place, three additional second place and four third place awards in the competition.

In the Better Newspaper Competition, members of The Tom-Tom staff earned the following awards:

- A first place finish for sophomore Rachel Ramirez of Forest, Best General Interest Column.
- The Tom-Tom staff was also honored with first place plaque for Best Front Page.
- Sophomore Jennifer Moore-Pope of Forest was recognized with a second place award for Best Feature Story.
- Sophomore Polly Vaughn of Decatur was recognized with a second place award for Best General News Photograph.
- The Tom-Tom staff also receiving second place honors



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Members of East Central Community College's newspaper staff display various awards presented at the O.C. McDavid Journalism Conference held March 24, 2011, at historic Duling Hall in Jackson. Pictured are: (front row, from left) Raychal Reed of Louisville; Ashley Moore, Meghan McIntosh and Christina Nollie, all of Carthage; Jennifer Moore-Pope of Forest; and Stephanie Lunsford of Collinsville; and (back row, from left) Gennie Phillips, adviser; Tyler Yates of Decatur; and Colby

for Best Miscellaneous Advertisement.

- Freshman Raychal Reed of Louisville claimed a third place prize in the Best Sports Feature Story Category.
- The Tom-Tom staff also won third place honors for

Best Layout & Design, Best Editorials and Best Single Advertisement.

The Tom-Tom is a student-led newspaper representative of the student body of East Central Community College in Decatur. The staff is led by

Ramirez, news editor; Britany Lovern-King of Edinburg, design editor; and Christina Nollie of Carthage, assistant editor. ECCC Publications Coordinator Gennie Phillips of Forest serves as adviser.

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Neshoba County students inducted into PTK

These Neshoba County students were recently inducted into Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for two-year colleges at East Central Community College in Decatur. The purpose of Phi Theta Kappa is to promote scholarship, to develop character and to cultivate fellowship among academically superior students. Membership is by invitation only. To be eligible, students must have earned a 3.5 or better grade point average as a full-time students and have an overall grade point average of 3.5 or better. Front row, from left, are Bonnie Evans, Ashley Lovern, Whitney Stokes and Jorie Long, all of Philadelphia; and back row, T.J. Kilgore and Allie Pilgrim, both of Philadelphia; Loren Pullin, Union; and Hunter Stovall, Philadelphia. Kate Covich serves as adviser. (EC Photo)

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NESHOBA: Delynn Shirakatrice Agee, Choctaw; Richard Adams, Tabatha Adcock, Belinda Nicole Alexander, Cyril Kane Amos, Willard Bacon, Jr., Morgan Dion Bailey, Felisha Martin Ball, William Chandler Barfoot, John Travis Blount, II, Terrell F. Brantley, Johnathon Breedlove, Sarah Kathryn Breland, Tiffani LeAnn Briscoe, Crystal Bryan, Laurel Burnett, Hanna Elizabeth Burt, Dana Nicole Sims Byrd, Melva J. Clemons, Michael Cox, Leah Dennis, Bradley Drury, Warren D. Flake, Jessica Renee Gibson, Brian Keith Hancock, Lisa K Harrell, Yulon Stewart Huff, Shauna Jackson, Joshua Taylor Jarriel, Abbie Joiner, Daphne LaJean Kelley, Sharla LaRose King, Brittany Ann Madere, Robin L. Miller, Brandon McFarland, Joel Kirkland McKee, Meredith Brooke McKee, Jakiala McWilliams, Shikira Kieanna Moore, Sequita D. Phillips, Kristin Allie Pilgrim, Whitney Paige

Richardson, La'Kia Ricks, Charles Walton Stinson, April C. Stribling, Jamie Lee Thomas, Matthew Tingle, Tracy Michelle Triplett and Katie Warren, all of Philadelphia; and Lauren Leigh Nicholas, Preston; Katharyn Emily Grace Benson, Rusty Thomas Boykin, Christine Camille Camp, Angela Cruz, Rhoda Valerie Davis, Steven Felter, Edward Owen Fondren, Shellie Renee Germany, Matthew Rich Griffin, Marcus Lee Herrington, III, Tracy Henley Kilpatrick, Tracy Matthews, Adrianna Vasquez Salgado, Nikki Sheeley, Cody Spence, Dicie Lekesha Taylor, Syndey Tucker, Taylor Joyce Upchurch, Brittany Whittle and Stacy Elizabeth Willis, all of Union;

NEWTON: Lindsey Bishop, Nicole N. Harvey and Laken Molliann Vaughn, all of Conehatta; Kim Denise Amerson, Ashley Lauren Amis, Celia L. Boggan, Brittany Hope Brown,

Stephanie Rigdon Dean, Patrick Ezell, Melinda Caroline Haralson, Jean Harrington, Christopher Coburn Harris, Kelli Virginia Harris, Courtney Paige Lanier, A.J. Mapp, Brittany Marquette Parker, Jolene D. Smith, Monica Janine Vincent and Tiffany Mechelle Wright, all of Decatur; Angela Melton, Rahel Latoshia Morgan, Denise D. Walker and Stephen J. Walker, all of Hickory; Tonya Lynn Evans, Lake; Miata Abril Evans, Marcus E. Gardner, Colby Eugene Harvey, Hannah Ashley Peoples and Mary Jessica Shoemake, all of Lawrence; Anna Melissa Alexander, Summer Leigh Alexander, Sarah Eakes Barrett, Kasie LeAnn Buckley, Russell Jordan Clark, Whitney Clearman, Donna Nicole Culpepper, Jessica Lynne Harrison, Bridgett Hines Hitt, Jeremy May, Lachelle Moss, Barbara A. Rigdon, Brooke Jensen, Roberson, Crystal Tate and Jamie Lyn Truett, all of Little Rock;

Ashley Boulton, Whitney O. Bowden, Spencer Leonard Cash, Ethan Forbes Chance, Michael E. Chapman, Mia Lyles Claiborne, Kimberly Loueve Evans, Laurie Godwin, Andrew William Harrison, Amie Hillie, Brenda G. Hubsher, Lisa Michele Jay, Melissa A. Jones, Danny L. Jones, Sr., Stephanie Latrice McLaurin, Breshawn Calita McNeal, Kayla Christine Meaders, Wesley Devon Robinson, Laura Walley and Bryan M. Wiseman, all of Newton; and Jon Moore, Union;

SCOTT: Joevennia Roshelle Allen, Tasha Black, Jeffrey W. Chisolm, Aleshia Renee Crimm, Jerilynn Crosby, Sherman Logan Curry, III, Dustin Cushman, Michael Ann Durham, Andrew Michael Lee Gibbs, Marissa Janae' Gordy, Laura Elizabeth Gunn, Marley Elyse Hanna, Cody Ross Harrell, Mia M. Holifield, Meaghan Austin Huseman, Shaquinta Shantell Ickom, Melody

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Jones, Brian DeRay Kimble, Teresa Lofton, Edna R. McDonald, Jennifer Elizabeth Moore-Pope, Quentinet N'Cole Odom, Tybrica Odom, Tina Marie Pittman, John Carl Riser, Latoya Robinson, Veronica Smith, Sarah Leann Summerlin, Lori LeAnn Thompson, April Denise Vivians and Audranna Walker, all of Forest;

Karley Mitchell Allen, Joyce Ais, Kiswana Burnside, William Quinton David, Amber Gray, Fredrick Bernard Harris, Nigil Sinclair Horton, Colton Mitchell, Donnatello Rapheal Pittman, Brittney Antonico Smith, Melanie L. Stroud and Joseph C. Williamson, all of Lake;

Rebecca Ruth Cole, Lawrence; Samantha Lynne Elkins, Lena; Nakesha Lashay Kincaid and Cynthia B. Perry, both of Ludlow; Sherrell Bilbro, Joshua Garrett Blackburn, Matthew Harrison Blackburn, Joshua Glenn Kennedy, James H. Lindstrom, III, Pierre Miranda, Flory J. Mitchell, Patrice Yentel Moore, Vicki Sawyer, Kayla Rae Stevenson, David C. Torrence, Autumn N. Walker and Kimberly Nicole Weems, all of Morton;

and Jeremy Shane Hunter, Sebastopol;



"Always choose the positive and be joyful," was the message of Anna Alexander of Little Rock, as she addressed fellow graduates at East Central Community College's 82nd Commencement held Saturday, May 14.

Alexander, a President's List scholar whose honors also include selection to the prestigious ECCC Hall of Fame, told classmates that no matter their destination after today, "a positive, joyful attitude will get you there faster and take you so much farther in life."

A home-schooled student, Alexander reiterated her point by quoting the apostle Paul in Philippians 4:4: "Rejoice in the Lord always, again I will say rejoice."

Thompson and Vincent Wilson, all of Choctaw;

Amanda Leigh Partridge, Collinsville; Daniel Evan Bell,

August, 2010 Graduates

NESHOBA: Jonee Brantley, Brandon Gregory Griffin, Monty Lewis, Ashley Nicole Pettis, Jayson D. Sharp, Buffy M. Todd and Ashley Nicole Tolbert, all of Philadelphia;

Jerome Rashad Evans, Christopher Pearson and Dale Yates, all of Union;

NEWTON: Sandra Denise Lampkin, Conehatta; Jamaica Chapman, Casey Don Shoemaker and Chassidy Smith, all of Decatur;

Kristian Martinae Evans and Ashley Strebeck, both of Hickory;

Thomas C. Gibbs, Lake; Timothy Martin Seibel, Lawrence; Nicholas Kyle Alexander, Little Rock;

Shan'Neeci Brown, Mallery Cumberland, Audra Walker and Joaquina Shaunte Watts, all of Newton;

and Jonathan Adkins, Union;

SCOTT: Lakeisha D. Lyles, Davida Macon-Jones, Casie McClendon, Jacqueline Pace and Janet Ricks, all of Forest; Roshanda T.N. Butler and M. Christina Gibbs, both of Lake; Caleb A. Brown, Morton;

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Graduates

NESHOBA: Bobby Keith Mitch, Crystal L. Roach, Nashima Breann

Anthony Brown, Kelly Fay Dansby, Lance W. Garner, Amy Johnson, William Carothers Land, Brewer Keith McGee, Paula Johnson Nash, Racquel Simmons, Derick Sims, Carrie Renee Stokes, Rhonda Michelle Stovall and Phillip Michael Williamson, all of Philadelphia;

and Antionette L. Poole, Union;

NEWTON: Hannah Marie McCloud, Chunky; Jamie Vale Anderson and Jessica M. Coleman, both of Conehatta;

Jimmy Andrews, Todd Philip Blount, Reginald Keeyon Davis and Jared Wilson McElhenney, all of Decatur;

Laura Dianne Alexander, Tyler Davis, Cory L. Fitzgerald and Barbara A. Rigdon, all of Little Rock;

Maree Antronette Kidd, Brittany Lynn Morrison and Latoya Nicole Needham, Evelyn K. Smith, Asia K.M. Tingle, all of Newton;

and Bobby J. Harrell, Union;

SCOTT: Mercedes Brown, Chiquita S. McClendon and Candace A. Patrick, all of Forest;

Nancy L. Stroud and Laura Reshelle Weeks, both of Lake;

Ysabel Avalos, Jasmine Nicole Earby, Benjamin Bryce Harrell and Jenna DeLane Hatch, all of Morton;

WEEK OF May 15, 2011



Scott County Students Receive ECCC Nursing Pins

These Scott County students were among East Central Community College graduating sophomores who received pins during the annual Associate Degree Nursing pinning ceremony held May 6 in Huff Auditorium on the Decatur campus. Graduates and their respective hometowns include (front row, from left) Autumn Walker and Kim Weems, both of Morton; and Cynthia Perry, Ludlow; and (back row, from left) Joshua Kennedy and Flory Mitchell, both of Morton. Fifty-two students completed the program and were also presented diplomas during the College's commencement exercises held Saturday, May 14, 2011, in the Neshoba County Coliseum in Philadelphia. (EC Photo)

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PBL award winners

These Phi Beta Lambda members at East Central Community College won various honors at the 2011 State PBL Leadership Conference held recently in Natchez. All ECCC participants received first - or second-place awards in at least one area of competition and qualified for the National PBL Conference scheduled this summer in Orlando, Fla. Fourteen of the 19 competitors captured first-place awards and EC's Theta Chi placed in 24 of 27 events and was one of only two chapters in the state designated as a Gold Seal Chapter. Club members also placed fourth in raising funds for the March of Dimes. Award-winners include (seated from left) Kim Amerson of Newton, first place awards in Statistical Analysis and Parliamentary Procedures; Tyeisha Meeks of Lawrence, first place, Desktop Publishing; Chelsea Gilmer, first place, Free Enterprise Project, Alexis Graham, first place, Free Enterprise Project and second place, Local Chapter Annual Business Report, Rachel Alexander, first place, Justice Administration and second place, International Business, and Belinda Alexander, first place awards in Public Speaking and Future Business Executive, all of Philadelphia; and Chance Hall of Forest, first place, Community Service; fourth, Marketing Concepts; and Who's

Who; and (standing from left) Bryan Wiseman, first place, Network Design, fourth place, Web site Design and Who's Who; Johnny Jones, first place, Parliamentary Procedures and second place, Marketing Analysis and Decision Making; Ryan Gillis, first place, Parliamentary Procedures, second place, Justice Administration and Who's Who, and Joe Morgan, first place, Parliamentary Procedures and second place, Client Service, all of Newton; Tracy Triplett of Philadelphia, first place, Parliamentary Procedures; Caleb Raines of Little Rock, second place awards in Information Management and Small Business Plan; Tina Pittman of Forest, second place, Business Preparation and third place, Financial Analysis and Decision Making; Mia Claiborne of Newton, second place, Business Presentation, third, Economic Analysis and Decision Making and Who's Who; Christina Nollie of Carthage, first place awards in Word Processing and Desktop Publishing; Lisa Jay of Newton, second, Small Business Plan; Janie Mayfield of Union, second place, Small Business Plan and third place, Management Concepts; and Zach Gibbs of Forest, first place awards in Cyber Security and Network Design.



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ECSC Student-Athletes Receive NJCAA Academic Honors

These student-athletes who recently graduated from East Central Community College in Decatur are recipients of various honors from the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA). Honorees and their respective sports area include (seated from left) Anna Alexander (tennis) of Little Rock, NJCAA Pinnacle Award for Academic Excellence (4.0 GPA); Monica Vincent (soccer) of Decatur, Kasie Buckley (softball) and Summer Alexander (softball), both of Little Rock, Lauren Nicholas (softball), Sarah Breland (softball) and Abbie Joiner (softball), all of Philadelphia, NJCAA Award for Superior Academic Achievement (3.8 - 3.99); and (standing from left) Jessica Harrison (soccer) of Little Rock, Walt Stinson (tennis) of Philadelphia and Chelsea Jones (softball) of Enterprise, also recipients of NJCAA Award for Superior Academic Achievement; and Brooke Boulton (soccer) of Newton, Joel McKee (baseball) of Philadelphia, Kathryn White (soccer) of Meridian, Trey Walker (soccer) of Hickory, Bobby Bryan (baseball) of Crossett, Ark. and Vincent Kortbawi (baseball) of Moundville, Ala., recipients of the NJCAA Award for Exemplary Academic Achievement (3.6 - 3.79). Not pictured are Tyler Brant (baseball) of Southaven, NJCAA Award for Superior Academic Achievement; and Polly Vaughn (soccer) of Decatur, NJCAA Award for Exemplary Academic Achievement. The outstanding student-athletes were recognized for their academic success at the College's 82nd Commencement held May 14, 2011, at the Neshoba County Coliseum in Philadelphia.

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ECCC WARRIOR BASKETBALL AWARD WINNERS

These East Central Community College men's basketball players received honors at the annual Spring Sports Awards Banquet held May 4, 2011, on the Decatur campus. From left are Sharavarus Wilson, hustle award; Glenn Thomas Jr., most improved; Kegan Houston, most valuable defensive player; Kenneth Barlow of Forest, most valuable offensive player, All-Region 23, MACJC All-Star and Second Team MACJC All-State; and Keondre Hodges, Warrior Award, All-Region 23 Tournament Team and MACJC All-Star.



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Lisa Michele (Usry) Jay of Newton and formerly of Forest, recently graduated at East Central Community College with an AAS Degree in computer networking technology. She graduated Dean's list and Phi Theta Kappa. Lisa is the daughter of John and Betty Muirhead of Forest and Garland Usry of Lake. She is the granddaughter of Ruth Usry of Lake.

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ECCC ANNOUNCES 2011 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

East Central Community College recently announced inductees to the 2011 Hall of Fame, the highest honor a student can receive at the College. They included (from left) Stacy Willis of Union, Monica Vincent of Decatur, Meredith McKee of Philadelphia, Matt Griffin of Union, Jennifer Moore-Pope of Forest and Anna Alexander of Little Rock. The honorees were announced during Awards Day activities held May 5 in Huff Auditorium. Their photos will hang in the Hall of Fame Collection in the lobby of Huff Auditorium.

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Awards given to Scott County college students

Student named to Hall of Fame, others receive memorial, faculty awards

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DECATUR — Recipients of Hall of Fame and other honors were recognized during the annual Awards Day program held May 5, 2011, at East Central Community College in Decatur.

Selection to the Hall of Fame is considered the highest honor a student can receive at the College, according to Dr. Phil A. Sutphin, ECCC president, who presented the awards.

team, "The Way," Wesley Foundation, EC Art Club, Warrior Corps, The Tom-Tom staff, Wall O' Sound Band, EC Players and EC Environmental Club.

One of those nominating her wrote, "Jennifer has a 4.0 grade point average and is a highly motivated, extremely intelligent student who is an absolute pleasure to have in class. She exhibits superb leadership skills and excellent time management skills."

Other students from Scott County receiving special awards included:

► Andrew M. Gibbs of Forest, physics award.

► Kayla Rae Stevenson of Morton, co-recipient of the EC Environmental Club award.

► Tonya Craig Evans of Lake, co-recipient of Mississippi Business Education Association student awards.

► Jeri Lynn Crosby of Forest, secondary education.

► Rachel Marie Ramirez of Forest, co-recipient of *The Tom Tom* award.

Alumni Memorial Awards were presented to:

► Jennifer Moore-Pope of Forest, Jack B. May Phi Theta Kappa

► Shanequa Antrena Bufkin of Forest, Earline Wood Women's Basketball.

Faculty Memorial Awards were presented to:

► Tina Pittman of Forest, Charles E. Pennington Business Technology.

"To be considered for the prestigious honor," Dr. Sutphin said, "students must demonstrate exemplary character, superior scholarship, worthy leadership and contribute to the betterment of East Central Community College."

Hall of Fame inductees for 2010-11 include Anna Alexander of Little Rock, Matthew Griffin of Union, Meredith McKee of Philadelphia, Jennifer Moore-Pope of Forest, Monica Vincent of Decatur and Stacy Willis of Union.

Moore-Pope is a graduate of Forest High School and is married to Richard Pope of Clifton. Her parents are Buddy and Shirley Moore of Forest.

She serves as co-vice president of membership for Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa and vice president of the Student Education Association. She is the recipient of the Regina Rigby Memorial, Thomas W. Thrash and Bank of Forest scholarships as well as ACT and band scholarships.

In addition, Moore-Pope is a member of the Baptist Student Union ministry.



Newton County Students Receive ECCC Nursing Pins... These Newton County students were among East Central Community College graduating sophomores who received pins during the annual Associate Degree Nursing pinning ceremony held May 6 in Huff Auditorium on the Decatur campus. Graduates and their respective hometowns include (front row, from left) Nikki Sheely and Renee Germany, both of Union; Kelli Harris and Stephanie Deen, both of Decatur; and Crystal Tate and Sarah Barrett, both of Little Rock; and (back row, from left) Laurie Godwin, Newton; Jamie Truhett, Little Rock; Melinda Haralson, Conehatta; Jolene Smith, Decatur; Jeff Chisolm, Union; and Kayla Meaders, Newton. Fifty-two students completed the program and were also presented diplomas during the College's commencement exercises held May 14 in the Neshoba County Coliseum in Philadelphia.

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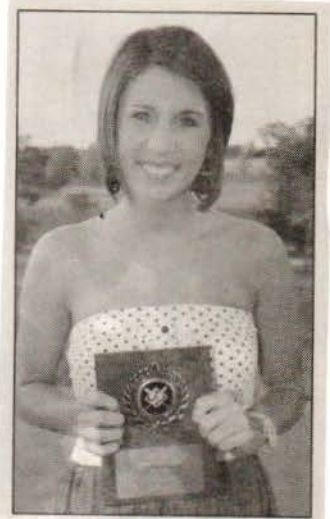
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McKee Receives Academic Award
Joel McKee of Philadelphia was recently recognized for his academic success as a member of the East Central Community College baseball team. McKee, a sophomore, received the team's Scholar Athlete Award at the Spring Sports Banquet. McKee is a product of Neshoba Central High School.
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Nicholas Receives Academic Award
Lauren Nicholas of Philadelphia was recently recognized for her academic success as a member of the East Central Community College state championship softball team. Nicholas, a sophomore, was presented the team's Academic Award at the annual Spring Sports Banquet. Nicholas is a product of Neshoba Central High School.
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ECCC announces spring semester honor roll

Students named to the 2011 spring semester honor roll, which includes those selected to the President's List, Dean's List and Honorable Mention List, have been announced at East Central Community College in Decatur, according to David Case, Interim Director of Admissions and Records.

PRESIDENT'S LIST

Those named to the President's List, students with a 4.0 grade point average, include the following:

CARTHAGE: Dustin Cullen,

Alisha Jones, Chassidy Kelly, David Moody, Erin Moore, Tywana Peavy, Jeremy Pilgrim, Paula Sanders, Chance Sistrunk and Karli Withers;

COLLINSVILLE: Chelsea Jones;

CONEHATTA: Lindsey Bishop;

DECATUR: Brittany Brown, Kristina Holmes, Monica Vincent and Tiffany Wright;

ENTERPRISE: Ashley Dearman;

FOREST: Ravikumar Desai, Andrew Gibbs, Lindsay Gibbs, Cody Harrell, Jennifer Moore-

Pope, Katie Pennington and Latisha Veasley;

FOXWORTH: Haleigh Parker;

HICKORY: Kameron Boulton and Stephen Walker;

LAKE: Hannah Clay;

LAWRENCE: George Lee;

LITTLE ROCK: Summer Alexander, Anna Alexander, Kasie Buckley, Whitney Clearman, James Colvin, Jessica Harrison, Bridgett Hitt and Brooke Roberson;

LOUIN: Kendrick Holder;

LOUISVILLE: Ashley

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Arthur, Trent Boswell, Courtney Cravens, Matthew Dempsey, Ophelia Doss, Charles Johnson, Madison Nowell, Raychal Reed, Jay Shotts, Mallory Sloan, Tandra Vickers and Lori Young;

MARION: Jermaine Grace;

MERIDIAN: Sarah Moore, Kathryn White, Briana Brunson and Susan Jones;

MORTON: Alicia Boykin, Morgan Craig and James Lundstrom;

NEWTON: Krystle Bender, Olivia Capetillo, Stephanie McElhenney, Wesley Robinson and Aaron Scoggin;

NOXAPATER: Ashley Dickerson, Jorie Long and Alyse Webb;

PHILADELPHIA: Morgan Bailey, Stacey Boyd, Lauren Breedlove, Sarah Breland, Nancy Coats, Adrienne Edwards, Melissa Farmer, Paula Guthrie, Jason Hitt, Emily James, Abbie Joiner, Brittany King, Courtney Lovern, Meredith McKee, Jakiala McWilliams, Audrey Moody, Michael Pierce, Sophia Riley, Derick Sims, Charles Stinson, Whitney Stokes, Jonathan Tingle, Jennifer White and Rachel Young;

PRESTON: Mark Gross and Lauren Nicholas;

SEBASTOPOL: Anna Leach;

SHUBUTA: Sydney Mosley;

UNION: Steven Felter, Kristina Leach, Brooke Livingston, Tracy Matthews, Jon Moore, Loren Pullin, Emilee Smith, Karen Townsend, Bailee Viverette and Stacy Willis;

WALNUT GROVE: Mary Loper and Christopher Martinson;

WEIR: Lashawa Arterberry;

YAZOO CITY: Taylor Parks; and

CROSSETT, ARK: Bobby Bryan.

DEAN'S LIST

The Dean's List includes the following students who achieved a 3.5 or above grade point average:

CARTHAGE: Lindsey Adams, Lauren Alford, James Brown, Jessica Cherry, Bobbie Evans, Dennis Harvey, Deanna

Hernandez, Bradley Horn, Kimberly Johnson, Heather Kahn, Justin Kittrell, Kimberly Leflore, Montego May, Ashley Moore, Lauren Murphy, Antonio Nash, Tyler Neal, Latia Peavy, Danny Smith and April Thompson;

CHUNKY: Denise Glover;

COLLINSVILLE: Bobby Branning, Kelsey Ladnier, Brandy Talbert and Stephanie Lunsford;

CONEHATTA: Candy Anderson, Jerry Hazlip, Brandi McDill, Dana McKee, Kelsi Shelley and Robert Weaver;

DECATUR: Kimberly Ameron, Ashley Amis Latanya Ball, Nikki Cumberland, Richard Ferguson, Katherine Kline, Courtney Lanier, Guy Loper, Keena Louis, Lachelle Moss, Cassandra Munn, Whitney Myers, Jesse Savell, Coby Smiley, Calvin Smith, Susan Tillmon, Paula Vaughn and Tyler Yates;

ENTERPRISE: Chelsea Jones, Christopher Little, Tamara Pittman and Haylee Roberts;

FOREST: Tyeisha Anderson, Cheonchet Andrews, Donna Banks, Ashli Bell, Ornisha Brown, Justin Collins, Jeri Crosby, Chavon Denham, Janishkumar Desai, Freniben Desai, Michael Durham, Marissa Gordy, Laura Gunn, Marley Hanna, Anita Hatcher-Williams, Rosalia Hernandez Chim, Shaquinta Ickom, Ashlee Lee, Teresa Lofton, Ryan McIntire, Kristen Nettles, Tina Pittman, Kelsey Stewart and Audianna Walker;

HICKORY: Wendy McCracken and Cody Strait;

LAKE: Karley Allen, Kiswana Burnside, William Davis, Tonya Evans, Tiffany Gardner, Fredrick Harris, Yashica Ickom, Chelsea McMillan, Donatello Pittman, Brittney Smith, Michael Taylor and Tracy Wolfe;

LAUDERDALE: James Moore and Katrena Ward;

LAWRENCE: Colby Harvey, Jonathan Jacobs and Tony Lewis;

LITTLE ROCK: Richard Burton, Christian Field, Christopher Morgan, Connie Swift and

Jordan Vance;

LENA: Haelie Allen, Samantha Elkins, Nicole Gilbert, Ashley Glaze, Audreanna Johnson, Shiquita McClendon, Kimberly Patterson and Layna Phillips;

LUDLOW: Nakesha Kincaid;

LOUIN: Datoya Robinson;

LOUISVILLE: Channing Bucklew, Brittany Burton, Jon Cherry, Gregory Dalton, GERALYN Frey, Audrey Griffin, Frederick Hampton, Bailey Hartness, Erin Hathorn, Kelsey Hill, Hillary Hobby, Evan Humphries, Chestina Ingram, Jacob Johnson, Meredith Jones, Mallory Jones, Katelyn Jordan, Jacob Pilgrim, Tate Rogers, Montana Thomason, Serena Thompson, Breanna Vick, Vivian Walker and William Wright;

MERIDIAN: Nicolas Kidd, Cynthia Williams, Lydia Cook, Shelby Powell, Breonka Simpson and Travis Smallwood;

MCCOOL: Rena Williams;

MORTON: Benjamin Harrell;

NEWTON: Ulafaye Black, Nyiesha Bolds, Brandon Boulton, Whitney Bowden, Spencer Cash, Haley Chaney, Mia Claiborne, Hailey Dunavant, Diane Foy, Ellen Gibbs, Ladarian Johnson, Tia Johnson, Justin Little, Emily Lucy, Jason Mann, Stephanie McLaurin, Breshawn McNeal, Kayla Tasker and Bryan Wiseman;

OCEAN SPRINGS: Cal Cosich;

PELAHATCHIE: Darren Watkins;

PHILADELPHIA: Belinda Alexander, David Allen, William Barfoot, Elizabeth Bates, John Blount, Brittany Boatner, Hannah Case, Michael Clark, Bradley Drury, Colton Eakes, Tausha Evans, Bonnie Evans, Brian Hancock, Donna Hickman, Keylon Johnson, Byron Johnson, Truitt Kilgore, Anthony Klauck, Samantha Ladd, Ashley Lovern, Felisha Martin, Tanner McGee, Eden McGee, Michael McLain, Avery Morgan, Tegan Pettis, Drew Pfeifer, Kristin Pilgrim, Maya Stewart, Sarah Stewart,

Mary Thompson, Taylor Upchurch and Krystal Ward;

PORTERVILLE: Demetra Tabbs;

PRESTON: Megan Boykin, Lara Elliot, Shandreka Hunt and Jacob Luke;

PULASKI: George Harrison, Jordan Maner and Myrna Parkman;

ROSE HILL: Matthew Mitchell;

SOUTHAVEN: Russell Brant;

STARKVILLE: Kasey Akins; STURGIS: Rachel Sharp and William Thaggard;

TOOMSUBA: Catherine Tribble;

UNION: Shajauna Barrett, Ashley Barnett, Brooke Blasiola, Richard Braxton, Christine Camp, James Cumberland, Jennifer Felton, Amanda Freeman, Jonathan Gibbs, Matthew Griffin, Bobby Harrell, Tiffany Hennington, Victor Horton, Jackie Moore, Paula Pierce, Lakendrick Poe, Chelsea Rigdon, Adrianna Salgado, Wanda Sullivan, Breanna Terrell and Zachary White;

WALNUT GROVE: Joseph Adams, Victoria Barfield, Tyler Comans, Jeremy Denson, James Foster, Karen Hall and Kelli Sistrunk;

WEST POINT: Janice Brooks;

MILTON, FLA: Lena Land;

MOUNDVILLE, ALA.: Vincent Kortbawi;

JEFFERSONVILLE, IND: Chazs Mike and Maurice Mike; and

GONZALES, LA.: Miguel Medrano;

HONORABLE MENTION

The following students were named to the Honorable Mention List and earned a 3.0 or above grade point average:

ABERDEEN: Chad Mangum;

BAILEY: Richard Ferguson;

BAY SPRINGS: Annie Agee;

BRANDON: Audrey Cannon and Gregory Hodo;

Shatarra Ickom, Christopher Kelly, Corey Kelly, Sheryl Riley, Melissa Simmons and Mandy Yarbrough;

LAUREL: Casey Wells;

LAWRENCE: Brittany Anderson, Miata Evans, Proby Gammill, Lauren Lurk and Stevie Pace;

LENA: Barbara Gilbert, Brennan Graves, Tammie Jones, Erica Stuart, Michael Townsend and Denise Townsend;

LITTLE ROCK: Sarah Eakes, Timmie Ivey, Sheila Massey, Jeremy May, Crystal Tate, Jamie Truhett, Cindy Tucker and Joshua Yeager;

LONG BEACH: David Galvin and Jarvis Jordan;

LOUISVILLE: Helen Avant, Jamal Bates, Kenisha Carter, Linda Christian, Leola Clark, Jocelyn Coleman, Charles Covington, Brittany Duncan, Candace Duran, Mandy Eakin, Rebecca Estes, Stanley Foster, Charles Graham, Deterron Hardin, Logan Hilliard, Tammy Holton, Lafredrick Hopkins, Kayla Joe, Stacie Jones, Jason Mangum, Carmen Matzek, James Ming, Stephanie Owens, Heather Page, Amy Rogers, Austin Swart, Brock Ward, Deangelo Willis and Katlin Woodruff;

LUDLOW: Ricardo Pittman;

MARION: Angelia Howard;

MCCOOL: Amanda Watts;

MERIDIAN: Demetrius Clay, Pamela Moss, Whitney Nash, Brittany Pounders, Bonnie Shelton, Adra Cole-Emerson, Katrina Landrum, Joseph Lawn, Courtney Mackey, Stacey Mobbs, Laurice Sanders, Melinda Benoman, Ravondra Betts, Raenica Bryant, Irvin Chamberlain, Jessica Daniels, Jamie Davis, Rochelle Hawkins and Perry Winford;

MORTON: Jeffery Boykin, Samuel Crotwell, Joshua Kennedy, Pierre Miranda, Kendall Puckett, Brandi Sanders, Charlie Sledge, Kayla Stevenson, Leslie Theriot, Avery Ward, Kimberly Weems and Christopher Weems;

CARTHAGE: Teri Anderson, Adrianna Ashley, David Beckham, Brandon Caldwell, Cassandra Dawson, Ariel Doggett, Misty Ellington, Jacob Frasier, Christopher Ganann, Lashonda Gray, James Harkins, Darritha Johnson, Cameron Jolly, Sonya Jones-Jenkins, Jacob Lewis, Crosby McDonald, Meghan McIntosh, Kemper McMillan, Jeremy Moore, Christina Nollie, Yolanda Phillips, Jenna Purvis, Kimberly Ramsey, Thomas Reeves, Amber Roland, Carmen Shuler, Carlee Snow, Jessie Tate, Anthony Thaggard, Courtney Wash, Brittany Willis, Nicholas Willis, Famie Willis, Brianna Windham and Gregory Wood;

CHOCTAW: Tamara John;

CHUNKY: Brandon Davis, Kala Massey and Jason Petro;

COLLINSVILLE: Kayla Durham and Katherine Sullivan;

COLUMBUS: Layna Shackelford;

CONEHATTA: Jean Harrington, Audriann Thomas and Jenisa Tubby;

DALEVILLE: Tara Fedden;

DECATUR: Dwayne Arrington, David Barrett, Celia Boggan, Samantha Dykes, Kimberly Eshee, Jessica Fry, Justin Gates, Weymouth Gentry, Christopher Harris, Kelli Harris, Edward Holmes, Kirby Keith, Kelsie Mann, Patricia McIntosh, Coeshia Meeks, Lindsey Miller, Katie Reeves, Tyler Reeves, Britianne Taylor, Christopher Thames, Judith Thorne and Brooklyn Winstead;

DEKALB: Jasmine Hollins;

DURANT: Charles Smith;

FOREST: Tony Alford, Courtney Blaylock, Justin Cabe, Aleshia Crimm, Sherman Curry, Dustin Cushman, Kelsey Dennis, Amanda Fortenberry, Edward Gaddis, Colton Gibbs, Zachary Gibbs, Flossie Hayes, Lydia Henderson, Koweshia Johnson, Juanita Jones, Emma Mayo, Edna McDonald, Dionra Moppins, Titania Patrick, Amelia Patrick, Stephanie Reed, Benjamin Reiss, Titania Robinson, Larissa Ryan, Catrinda Ryan, Jeri Settlemire, Mason Shelley, Andrea Slaughter, Aimee Siles, Philip Vance, April

NEWTON: Kim Amerson, Ashley Boulton, Nicole Bounds, Richmond Caraway, Ethan Chance, Brittany Clark, Nikisha Gibson, Shannon Hill, Brenda Hubsher, Henry Irby, Lisa Jay, Angela Jones, Lonnie Lyles, Eunice McLaurin, Kayla Meaders, Kavon Moore, Lance Pruitt, Addreonna Seger, Alicia Thames, Jackson Therrien, Ammon Therrien, Patrick Tillman and Laura Walley;

NOXAPATER: Rose Eichelberger, Linda Kelly and Alexandria Thomas;

PACHUTA: Casscanna Edmonson and Jessica Rushing;

PETAL: Mandy Saxton;

PHILADELPHIA: Tabatha Adcock, Megan Allen, Kerri Barrett, Monique Bell, Donna Boone, Laurel Burnett, Hanna Burt, Jennifer Collins, Arianna Creekmore, Christopher Cremeen, Benjamin Duncan, Marlon Evans, Amy Fiegenschue, Jessie Flake, Warren Flake, Tonya Fortune, Auburn Hedgpath, Felicia Howell, Yulon Huff, Joshua Jarriel, John Jay, Michael Johnson, Mallory Johnson, Daphne Kelley, Virginia Kinard, Sharla King, Christopher Langley, Nicholas Lewis, Brandon McFarland, Joel McKee, Victoria Miller, Katie Mills, Jean Pfeifer, Elizabeth Prewitt, Whitney Richardson, Timothy Rock, Brittany Steve, Bobby Stovall, Jamie Thomas, Ashley Tucker, Ashland Wallace, Jacob Whitney, Amy Williamson and Travis Willis;

PRESTON: Jason Copeland;

PULASKI: Carlie Frazier and Brittany Harrison;

RALEIGH: Delphine Edwards and Sharee Parrish;

ROSE HILL: Christopher Sims;

SCOOBA: Brenda Bryant, Barbara Granger and Lekendrick Windham;

SMITHVILLE: Kelsi Watson;

STONEWALL: Jonathan Tullos;

SUMRALL: Daniel Harris;

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WALNUT GROVE: Ashton Adcock, Brandy Gomillion, Sherry Griffin, William Pierce and Charles Russell;

WEIR: Marcheta Fair-Holman;

DAYTON, OH: Elizabeth Orton;

GONZALES, LA: Olivia Maher;

MONROE, LA: Reginald Hall;

DERMOTT, AR: Deidra Hawkins;

AUSTIN, TX: Brittany Bailey;

FRESNO, CA: Marte Sears;

PENSACOLA, FLA.: Matthew Hill;

RALPH, ALA.: Andre Lucious;

LISMAN, ALA.: Frank Harris and Callisa Harris; and

GUAYNABO, PR: Carlos Leal.



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Neshoba pair plans ECCC class schedule

Neshoba Central High School products Marlee Massey (center) and Dakota Vowell (right) were among students who attended orientation activities held Saturday, June 4 at East Central Community College in Decatur. They are shown planning their fall semester schedules with assistance from Kristin Chaney, an assistant softball coach who also serves as an adviser. In addition to registering for fall classes, students attending orientation will have the opportunity to reserve or check on the status of their dormitory room or financial aid, purchase textbooks and have photos made for identification cards and the College yearbook. Additional orientation sessions are scheduled Friday, June 24; Friday, July 15; and Friday, Aug. 5. Fall classes begin Thursday, Aug. 18. For more information, contact ECCC Student Services, 601-635-6205 or call toll free, 877-462-3222, ext. 205. The e-mail address is rlee@eccc.edu.

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ECCC to hold GED Graduation July 14

East Central Community College will hold its 14th Annual GED Graduation Ceremony Thursday, July 14, 2011, on the Decatur campus.

The special program begins at 7 p.m. in Huff Auditorium.

"We always look forward to recognizing our GED (General Educational Development) graduates," said Ryan Clarke, Adult Basic Education/GED director. "The annual ceremony is held to celebrate the hard work and dedication of students - young and not so young - who have achieved their goal of receiving a GED diploma."

Clarke said approximately 320 students ranging in age from 17 to 62 will walk across the Huff Auditorium stage to receive their high school equivalency diplomas from ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sut-

phin.

State Senator Giles Ward of Louisville will serve as keynote speaker.

Several students will also present testimonials as a part of the program.

Clarke said graduates should report to the ECCC campus by 5 p.m. for publicity photos.

The deadline to confirm participation in the graduation ceremony is Friday, July 1, 2011.

East Central offers ABE/GED classes at no charge at various locations in the College's five-county district.

For more information, contact Ryan Clarke, ABE/GED Director, 601-635-6387. His e-mail address is rclarke@eccc.edu.

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Orientation enrollment



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GRANT ATTENDS ORIENTATION

Jordan Grant (left) of Morton was among students who attended orientation activities held Saturday, June 4 at East Central Community College in Decatur. The Morton High School graduate is shown planning her fall semester schedule with assistance from biology instructor Kim Hardy who also serves as an adviser. In addition to registering for fall classes, students attending orientation will have an opportunity to reserve or check on the status of their dormitory room and financial aid, purchase textbooks and have photos made for identification cards and the College yearbook. Additional orientation sessions are scheduled Friday, June 24; Friday, July 15; and Friday, August 5. Fall classes begin Thursday, August 18. For more information, contact ECCC Student Services, 601-635-6205 or call toll free, 877-462-3222, ext. 205. The e-mail address is relee@eccc.edu.

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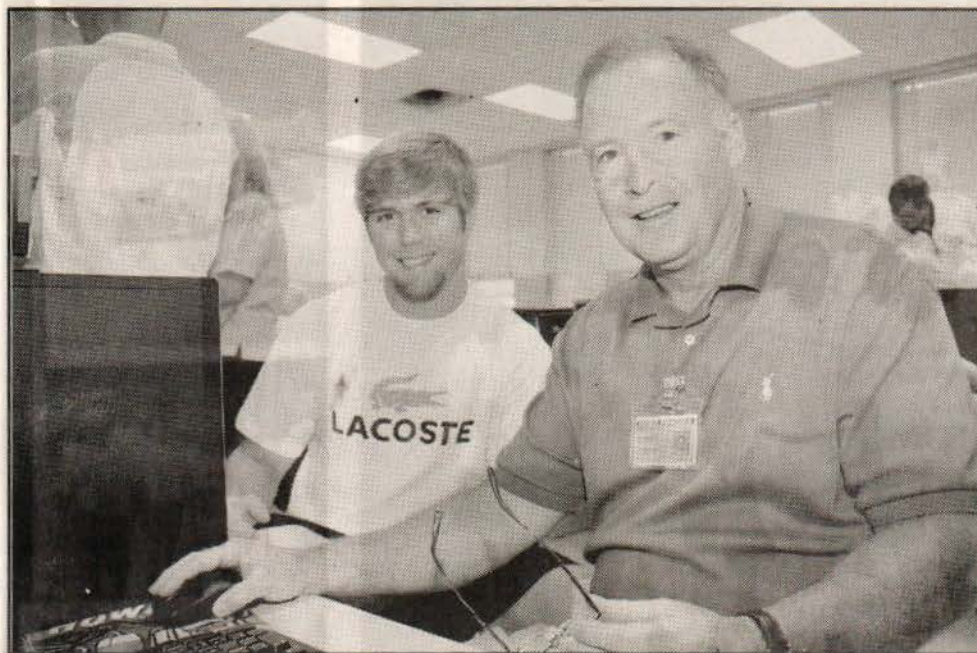
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Stone among ECCC orientation participants

Nathan Stone (right) of Philadelphia was among students who attended orientation activities held Saturday, June 4 at East Central Community College in Decatur. The Winston Academy graduate is shown planning his fall semester schedule with assistance from history instructor Marc McCool, who also serves as an adviser. In addition to registering for fall classes, students attending orientation will have the opportunity to reserve or check on the status of their dormitory room and financial aid, purchase textbooks and have photos made for identification cards and the College yearbook. Additional orientation sessions will be held Friday, June 24; Friday, July 15; and Friday, August 5. Fall classes begin Thursday, August 18. For more information, contact ECCC Student Services, 601-635-6205 or call toll free, 877-462-3222, ext. 205. The e-mail address is rlee@eccc.edu. (EC Photo)

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Rhodes plans ECCC class schedule

Hailey Rhodes, left, of Philadelphia was among students who attended orientation activities held Saturday, June 4 at East Central Community College in Decatur. The Neshoba Central High School graduate is shown planning her fall semester schedule with assistance from Lori Luke, an Associate Degree Nursing program instructor who also serves as an adviser. (EC Photo)

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Graduation



Students pinned

These Leake County students were among East Central Community College graduating sophomores who received pins during the annual Associate Degree Nursing pinning ceremony held May 6 in Huff Auditorium on the Decatur campus. Graduates and their respective hometowns include (front row, from left) Linda Watkins, Carthage; Karen Moorehead, Walnut Grove; and Alicia Jayroe and Sallie Evans, both of Carthage;

and (back row, from left) Loren Atkinson and Emily Thomas, both of Carthage; LaPorshia McBeth, Lena; and Misty Ellington, Carthage. Fifty-two students completed the program and were also presented diplomas during the College's commencement exercises held Saturday, May 14, in the Neshoba County Coliseum in Philadelphia.

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Participates in EC orientation

Dion Yearwood, right, of Philadelphia was among area students who attended orientation activities held Friday, June 24, in preparation for the 2011 fall semester at East Central Community College in Decatur. The Neshoba Central High School graduate is shown planning his class schedule with assistance from Brenda Johnson, computer technology instructor, who also serves as a class adviser. In addition to registering for fall classes, students attending orientation will have an opportunity to reserve or check on the status of their dormitory room and financial aid, purchase textbooks and have photos made for identification cards and the College yearbook. Additional orientation sessions are scheduled Friday, July 15; and Friday, Aug. 5. Fall classes begin Thursday, Aug. 18. For more information, contact ECCC Student Services, 601-635-6205 or call toll free, 877-462-3222, ext. 205. The e-mail address is lee@eccc.edu. (EC Photo)

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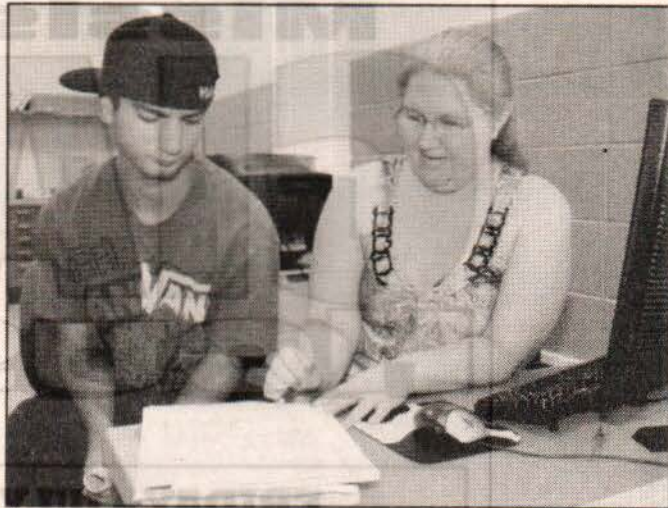
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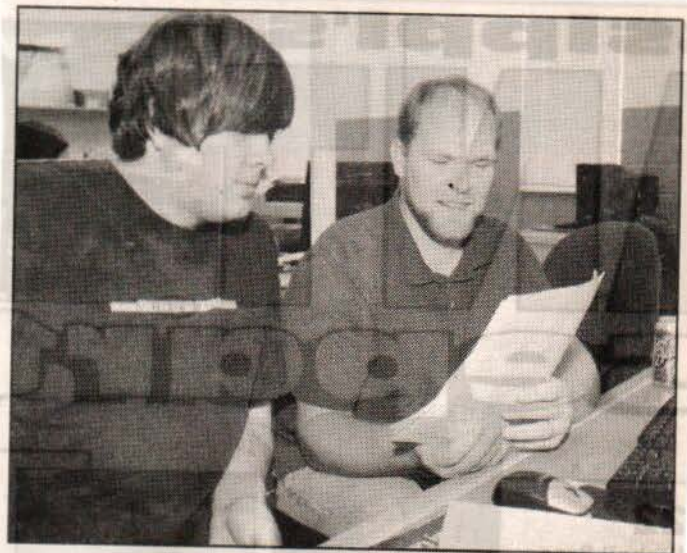
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Plans EC class schedule

Jonathan Keen, left, of Philadelphia was among area students who attended orientation activities held Friday, June 24, in preparation for the 2011 fall semester at East Central Community College in Decatur. The Neshoba Central High School graduate is shown planning his class schedule with assistance from Lisa O'Neill, hotel/restaurant management technology instructor, who also serves as a class adviser. In addition to registering for fall classes, students attending orientation will have an opportunity to reserve or check on the status of their dormitory room and financial aid, purchase textbooks and have photos made for identification cards and the College yearbook. Additional orientation sessions are scheduled Friday, July 15; and Friday, Aug. 5. Fall classes begin Thursday, Aug. 18. For more information, contact ECCC Student Services, 601-635-6205 or call toll free, 877-462-3222, ext. 205. The e-mail address is rlee@eccc.edu. (EC Photo)



Ready for EC experience

Kenneth Herrin, left, of Philadelphia was among area students who attended orientation activities held Friday, June 24, in preparation for the 2011 fall semester at East Central Community College in Decatur. The Neshoba Central High School graduate is shown planning his class schedule with assistance from Luke Howell, collision repair technology instructor, who also serves as a class adviser. In addition to registering for fall classes, students attending orientation will have an opportunity to reserve or check on the status of their dormitory room and financial aid, purchase textbooks and have photos made for identification cards and the College yearbook. Additional orientation sessions are scheduled Friday, July 15; and Friday, Aug. 5. Fall classes begin Thursday, Aug. 18. For more information, contact ECCC Student Services, 601-635-6205 or call toll free, 877-462-3222, ext. 205. The e-mail address is rlee@eccc.edu. (EC Photo)

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East Central Community College releases honor rolls

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DECATUR — Students named to the 2011 spring semester honor roll, which includes those selected to the President's List, Dean's List and Honorable Mention List, have been announced at East Central Com-

munity College in Decatur, according to David Case, Interim Director of Admissions and Records.

President's List

Those from Scott County named to the President's List, stu-

dents with a 4.0 grade point average, include the following:

FOREST: Ravikumar Desai, Andrew Gibbs, Lindsay Gibbs, Cody Harrell, Jennifer Moore-Pope, Katie Pennington and Latisha Veasley

LAKE: Hannah Clay

LAWRENCE: George Lee

MORTON: Alicia Boykin, Morgan Craig and James Lundstrom

SEBASTOPOL: Anna Leach

Dean's List

The Dean's List includes the following students from Scott County who achieved a 3.5 or above grade point average:

FOREST: Tyeisha Anderson,
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LAKE: Karley Allen, Kiswana Burnside, William Davis, Tonya Evans, Tiffany Gardner, Fredrick Harris, Yashica Ickom, Chelsea McMillan, Donnatello Pittman, Brittney Smith, Michael Taylor and Tracy Wolfe;

LAWRENCE: Colby Harvey, Jonathan Jacobs and Tony Lewis

LUDLOW: Nakesha Kincaid

MORTON: Benjamin Harrell

PULASKI: George Harrison, Jordan Maner and Myrna Parkman

Honorable Mention

The following students from Scott County were named to the Honorable Mention List and earned a 3.0 or above grade point average:

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LAKE: Dorothy Chapman, Brittany Edwards, India Gilbert, Delvegas Gray, Nigil Horton, Shatarra Ickom, Christopher Kelly, Corey Kelly, Sheryl Riley, Melissa Simmons and Mandy Yarbrough

LAWRENCE: Brittany Anderson, Miata Evans, Proby Gammill, Lauren Lurk and Stevie Pace

LUDLOW: Ricardo Pittman

MORTON: Jeffery Boykin, Samuel Crotwell, Joshua Kennedy, Pierre Miranda, Kendall Puckett, Brandi Sanders, Charlie Sledge, Kayla Stevenson, Leslie Theriot, Avery Ward, Kimberly Weems and Christopher Weems

PULASKI: Carlie Frazier and Brittany Harrison

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Receive Supervisors' Scholarships

Winston County students (from left) Brock McDaniel of Noxapater, Jessica Edwards of Nanih Waiya and Cory Goodin of Louisville are recipients of Mississippi Association of Supervisors Scholarships at East Central Community College in Decatur. The award was presented during the annual AT&T Scholarship Awards Program held June 16 in Huff Auditorium and followed by a luncheon in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria. (EC Photo)

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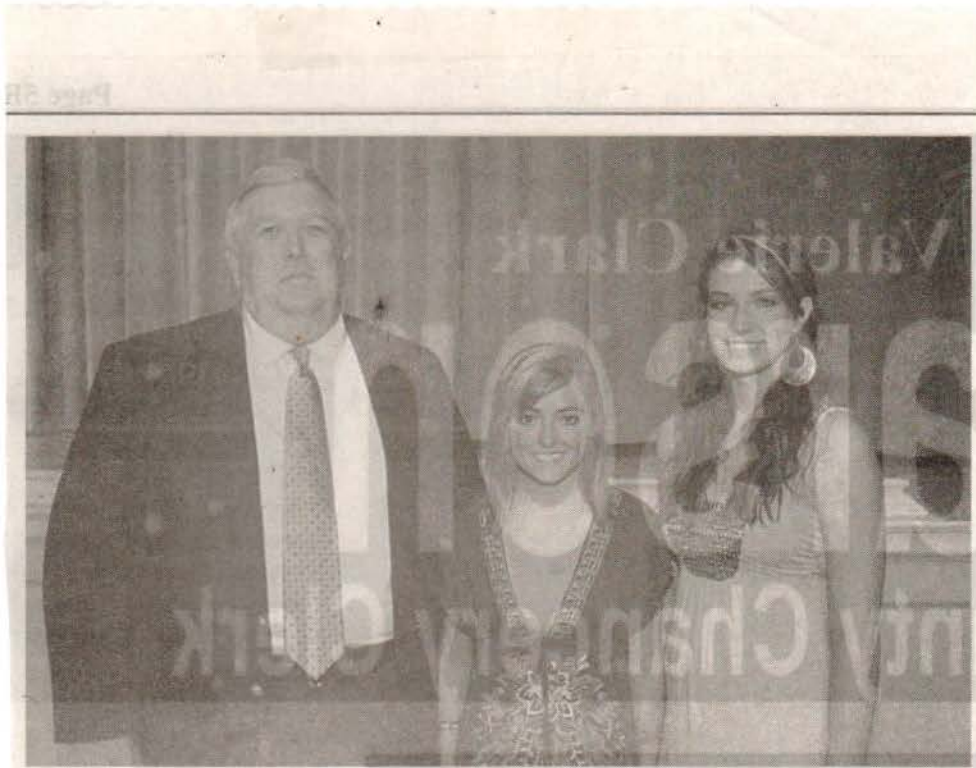
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Receive Bank of Morton Scholarships

Jordan Grant (center) and Emily Marler (right), both graduates of Morton High School, were the recipients of Bank of Morton Scholarships at East Central Community College in Decatur. The awards were presented during the annual AT&T Scholarship Awards Program held June 16 in Huff Auditorium and followed by a luncheon in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria. At left is bank representative Lindsley Keeton. (EC Photo)

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Cullen receives award

East Central Community College sophomore Dustin Cullen (left) of Leake Academy is the 2011 recipient of the Dr. Shelby L. Harris Memorial Scholarship. The award was presented during the annual AT&T Scholarship Awards Program held June 16 in Huff Auditorium and followed by a luncheon in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria. This scholarship was established in 2002 in memory of Dr. Harris by the ECCC math and computer science division, along with other ECCC faculty and staff members. Representing the donors is Harris' sister, Sandy Wedgeworth.

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Scholarship recipient

Meghan Johnson (right), a 2011 graduate of Leake Academy, is the recipient of the Dr. Frank and Bobbie McPhail Bowen Scholarship at East Central Community College in Decatur. The award was presented during the annual AT&T Scholarship Awards Program held June 16 in Huff Auditorium and followed by a luncheon in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria. This scholarship was established by Dr. and Mrs. Bowen and is awarded to a graduate of a Leake County school, who finishes in the top 10 percent of their high school class and enrolls as a full-time student at ECCC the fall semester following high school graduation. Also pictured is Dr. Frank Bowen of Carthage.

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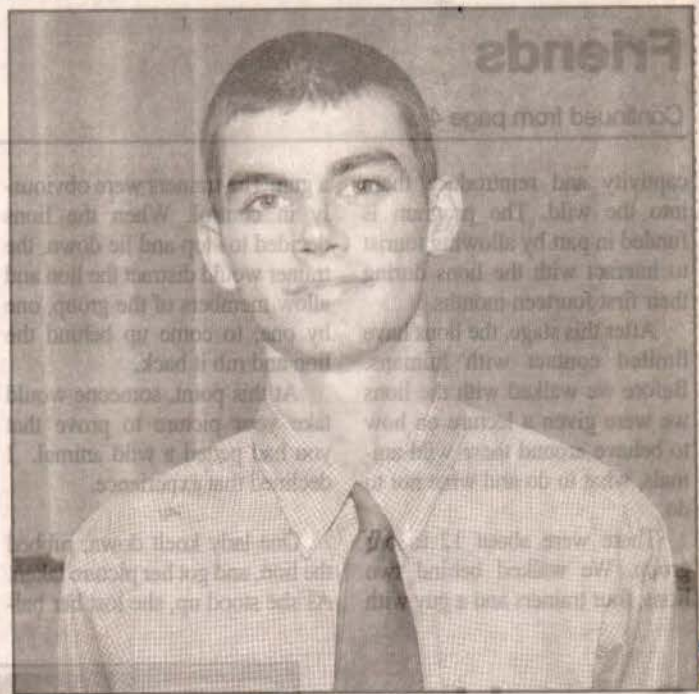
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Receives Myers Scholarship

Jordan Clearman, left, a 2011 graduate of Neshoba Central High School, is a recipient of the Ben Myers Memorial Scholarship at East Central Community College in Decatur. The award was presented during the annual AT&T Scholarship Awards Program held June 16 in Huff Auditorium and followed by a luncheon in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria. Pictured with the recipient is Jewell Parks of Philadelphia, who helped establish these scholarships in memory of her son, Ben, a 1997 graduate of East Central Community College who lost his life in an automobile accident in 1998. Also receiving a Myers Scholarship, but not pictured, is Blake Gordon of Philadelphia High School. (EC Photo)



EC Scholars Thomas Scholarship

Ethan Pendergrass, a 2011 graduate of Neshoba Central High School, is the recipient of the James and Luvie Thomas EC Scholars Scholarship at East Central Community College in Decatur. The award was presented during the annual AT&T Scholarship Awards Program held June 16 in Huff Auditorium and followed by a luncheon in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria. This scholarship was established to provide assistance to those in the top 10 percent of their graduating class. (EC Photo)

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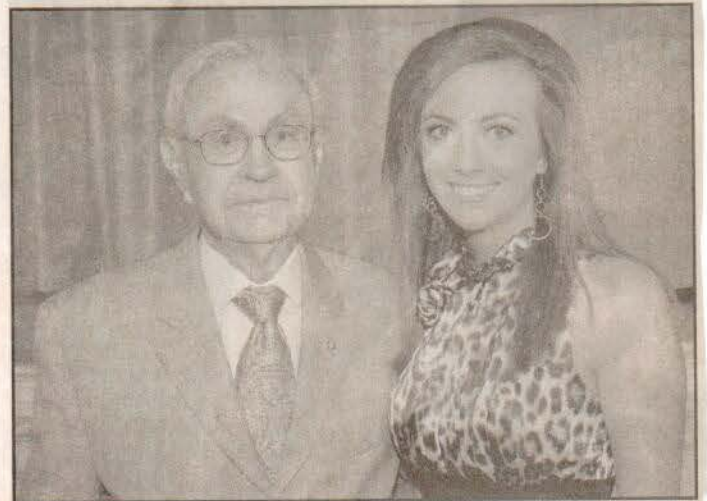
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Citizens Bank Scholarship

Richard Ainsworth, right, a 2011 graduate of Edinburg Attendance Center, is the recipient of The Citizens Bank of Philadelphia Scholarship at East Central Community College in Decatur. The award was presented during the annual AT&T Scholarship Awards Program held June 16 in Huff Auditorium and followed by a luncheon in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria. Also pictured is bank representative Susan Brown. (EC Photo)



Johnson receives scholarship

Meghan Johnson (right), a 2011 graduate of Leake Academy, is the recipient of the Dr. Frank and Bobbie McPhail Bowen Scholarship at East Central Community College in Decatur. The award was presented during the annual AT&T Scholarship Awards Program held June 16 in Huff Auditorium and followed by a luncheon in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria. This scholarship was established by Dr. and Mrs. Bowen and is awarded to a graduate of a Leake County school, who finishes in the top 10 percent of their high school class and enrolls as a full-time student at ECCC the fall semester following high school graduation. Also pictured is Dr. Frank Bowen of Carthage. (EC Photo)

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Webb awarded



Webb Receives Iris Boggan Scholarship

Sophomore Alyse Webb (center) of Noxapater is the recipient of the Iris Boggan Scholarship at East Central Community College in Decatur. The award was presented during the annual AT&T Scholarship Awards Program held June 16 in Huff Auditorium and followed by a luncheon in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria. This scholarship was established in 2008 in honor of Iris Pellegrine Boggan (left), a registered nurse, who along with her husband, Dr. Austin Boggan, operated a general practice clinic in Decatur for 50 years. It is presented each year to a sophomore student. At right is Boggan's daughter, Ada Boggan McGrevey. (EC Photo)

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Hudspeth scholarship



Receives ECCC Hudspeth Scholarship

Corey Jackson (center), a 2011 graduate of Nanih Waiya, is the recipient of the Hudspeth Scholarship at East Central Community College in Decatur. The award was presented during the annual AT&T Scholarship Awards Program held June 16 in Huff Auditorium and followed by a luncheon in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria. The Hudspeth Scholarship was established in 1998 by Henry Bane "Bubba" Hudspeth (left) and his wife, Faye McCully Hudspeth (right), of Louisville. It is awarded annually to a high school graduate from Winston County. (EC Photo)

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McDaniel awarded



McDaniel Receives Covington Scholarship

Brock McDaniel (center), a 2011 graduate Noxapater High School, is the recipient of the W.R. Covington Scholarship at East Central Community College in Decatur. The award was presented during the annual AT&T Scholarship Awards Program held June 16 in Huff Auditorium and followed by a luncheon in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria. Also pictured are Dr. Eddie (right) and Charlotte Smith. Dr. Smith, ECCC President Emeritus, established the scholarship in 1985 in recognition of the support and assistance Mr. W.R. Covington of Noxapater provided for many students to aid them in attending college.

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Taylor scholarship



Receive Taylor Scholarships

Dillan Warren, a 2011 graduate of Neshoba Central High School, and Deonta Hawthorn, a graduate of Louisville High School, are the recipients of the Taylor Advanced Machining and Taylor Advanced Welding Scholarships, respectively, at East Central Community College in Decatur. The awards were presented during the annual AT&T Scholarship Awards Program held June 16 in Huff Auditorium and followed by a luncheon in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria. At left is Rod Shealy, a representative of Taylor Machine Works, Inc., of Louisville. (EC Photo)

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Kinard Receives
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munity College
sophomore Kayely
Kinard of Winston
Academy is the
2011 recipient of
the ECCC Classes of
1957, '58 and '59
Scholarship. The
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Hartness award-



Receives Johnson-Taylor Memorial Scholarship

Sophomore Bailey Hartness (center) of Winston Academy is the recipient of the Johnson-Taylor Memorial Scholarship at East Central Community College in Decatur. The award was presented during the annual AT&T Scholarship Awards Program held June 16 in Huff Auditorium and followed by a luncheon in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria. Also pictured are Bruce and Susan Taylor of Decatur, who established the scholarship in 2008 to honor the memory of their parents, Elmer and Frances Johnson and Wilson and Marguerite Taylor. (EC Photo)

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Howard receives



Howard Receives Harris ADN Scholarship

Kimberly Round (center) of Louisville is the recipient of the 2011 Nancy Auline Hiatt Harris Scholarship at East Central Community College in Decatur. The award was presented during the annual AT&T Scholarship Awards Program held June 16 in Huff Auditorium and followed by a luncheon in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria. Also pictured are Nancy Harris (right) and her husband, Johnie Harris, of Philadelphia. The Harris Scholarship was fully endowed in 1998 with a gift from an unnamed alumnus who had a keen interest in enhancing the quality of the College's Associate Degree Nursing program. It is named after Harris, who served as the first director of the ECCC ADN program. (EC Photo)

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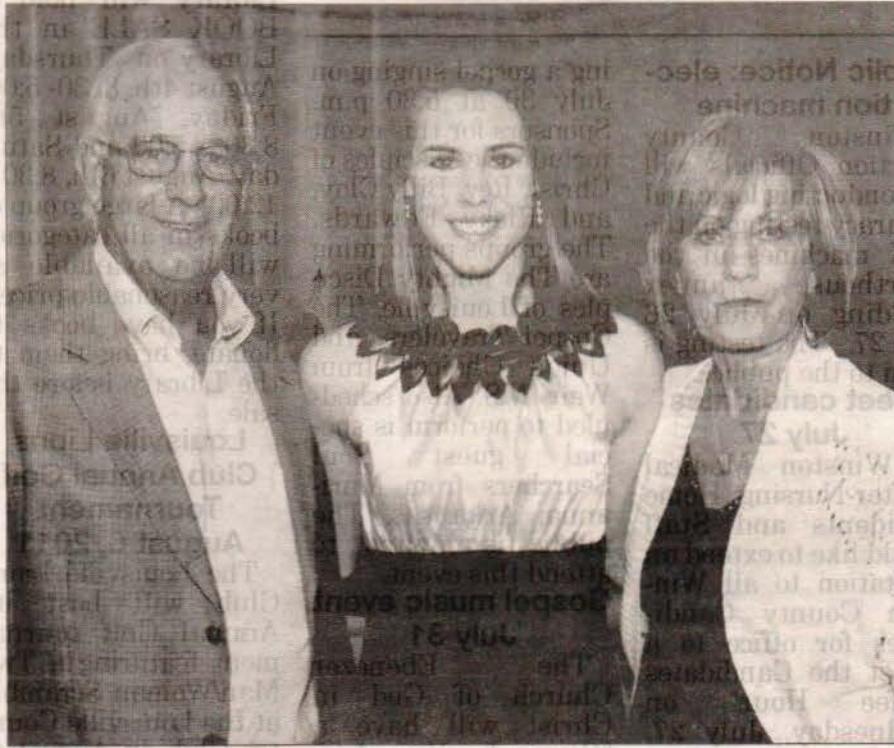
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Moody scholarship



Receives Moody Scholarship

East Central Community College sophomore Brittany Burton (second from left), a graduate of Winston Academy, is the recipient of the Robert J. Moody, Jr. Special Education Scholarship. The award was presented during the annual AT&T Scholarship Awards Program held June 16 in Huff Auditorium and followed by a luncheon in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria. Pictured with the recipient are Bobby and Ann Moody of Louisville, who established the scholarship in honor of their son. (EC Photo)

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Ward Receives
Boswell Scholarship at
ECCC

Sophomore Brock Ward (right) of Louisville is the recipient of the Ernest Harrison Boswell Scholarship at East Central Community College in Decatur. The award was presented during the annual AT&T Scholarship Awards Program held June 16 in Huff Auditorium and followed by a luncheon in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria. This scholarship was established in memory of Mr. Boswell by his wife, Rebecca (left), and their children. (EC Photo)

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Parkes earns



Parkes Receives McCann Scholarship

Cody Parkes (right), a 2011 graduate of Nanih Waiya High School, is the recipient of the Russell McCann Memorial Scholarship at East Central Community College in Decatur. The award was presented during the annual AT&T Scholarship Awards Program held June 16 in Huff Auditorium and followed by a luncheon in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria. Pictured with the recipient is McCann's mother, Teresa Williamson Shannon, who, along with family and friends, established the scholarship in 2001. (EC Photo)

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Stuart receives scholarship

Alex Stuart, a 2011 graduate of Neshoba Central High School, is the recipient of the U.S. Electrical Motors scholarship at East Central Community College in Decatur. The award was presented during the annual AT&T Scholarship Awards Program held June 16 in Huff Auditorium and followed by a luncheon in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria. (EC Photo)



Receives Vowell scholarship

Haleigh Graham, a 2011 graduate of Neshoba Central High School, is the recipient of the Lavern and Elizabeth Vowell Memorial Scholarship at East Central Community College in Decatur. The award was presented during the annual AT&T Scholarship Awards Program held June 16 in Huff Auditorium and followed by a luncheon in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria. (EC Photo)

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ECCC Practical Nursing Graduates

East Central Community College Practical Nursing graduates were recognized Tuesday, August 2, 2011, during a pinning ceremony held in Huff Auditorium on the Decatur Campus. Those completing the 12-month program included (front row, from left) Caleb Alexander of Little Rock, Brook Addy of Decatur, Olivia Jackson of Philadelphia, Sandra Phillips of Polkville, Leslie Theriot of Forest, Shekeisha Triplett of Louisville, Brandi Bradley of Quitman and Melissa Winters of Morton; and (second row, from left) Ashley Broach of Hickory, Rose Eichelberger of Noxapater, Kim Noblin of Raleigh, Aleta Shade of Carthage, Shatorry Logan of Newton, Chestina Ingram of Nanih Waiya, Kim Thomas of Decatur and Stephanie Peters of Philadelphia. Instructors are (back row, from left) Melanie Pinter, Theresa Cole and Alicia Lundstrom. For more information on the College's healthcare programs, contact Dr. Betsy Mann, Dean of Healthcare Education at 601-635-6294 or toll free 1-877-462-3222. The e-mail address is bmamm@eccc.edu. (EC Photo)

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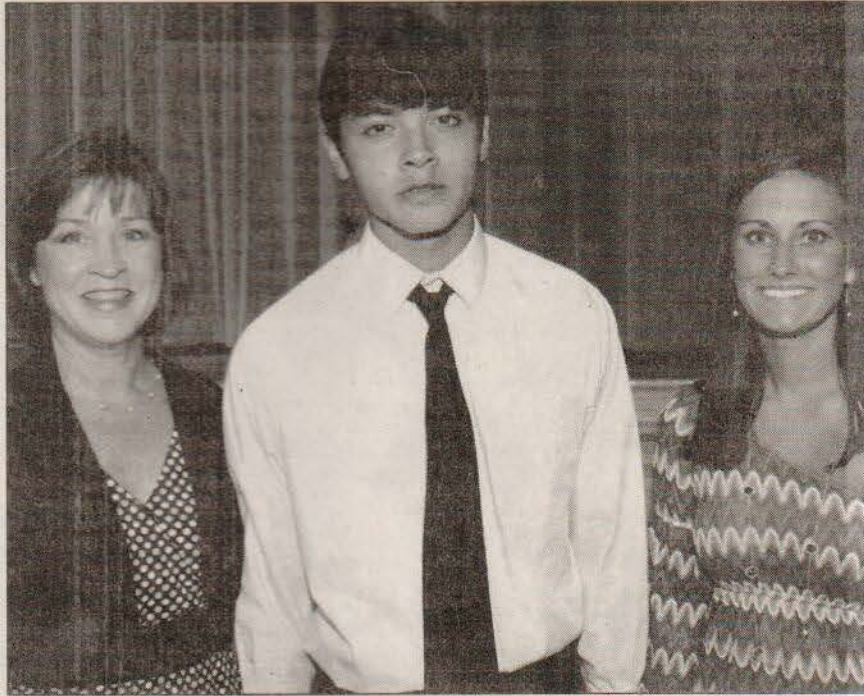
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Patrick Sistrunk (second from left) and Olivia Capetillo (third from left), 2011 graduates of Sebastopol High School and Newton County Academy, respectively, are the recipients of La-Z-Boy Scholarships at East Central Community College in Decatur. Pictured with the recipients is La-Z-Boy representative Julie Rowzee. (EC Photo)

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Adam Savell (seated, left) and Alexander Lee (seated, right), both 2011 graduates of Newton County High School, are recipients of the Harrison Memorial Scholarship at East Central Community College in Decatur. The award was presented during the annual AT&T Scholarship Awards Program held June 16 in Huff Auditorium and followed by a luncheon in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria. Representing the donors are (back row, from left) Keith Ramage, Eli Harrison, Janean Harrison and Ricky Harrison.

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Receives State Farm scholarship

Sophomore Kitty Stewart (center) of Philadelphia is the recipient of the State Farm Insurance Scholarship at East Central Community College in Decatur. The award was presented during the annual AT&T Scholarship Awards Program held June 16 in Huff Auditorium and followed by a luncheon in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria. The recipient is shown with local State Farm agents Bob Douglas (left) of Newton and Will Wren (right) of Meridian. This scholarship was established in 1999 by agents in the College's district of Leake, Neshoba, Newton, Scott and Winston counties and is awarded each year to a nontraditional student. (EC Photo)

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Receives State Farm scholarship

Karri Miller (right), a 2011 graduate Newton County High School, is the recipient of the Board of Trustees Scholarship at East Central Community College in Decatur. The award was presented during the annual AT&T Scholarship Awards Program held June 16 in Huff Auditorium and followed by a luncheon in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria. Miller is pictured with ECCC Board of Trustees president Prentice Copeland of Philadelphia. (EC Photo)



Receives Taylor scholarship

Dillan Warren, a 2011 graduate of Neshoba Central High School, and Deonta Hawthorn, a graduate of Louisville High School, are the recipients of the Taylor Advanced Machining and Taylor Advanced Welding Scholarships, respectively, at East Central Community College in Decatur. At left is Rod Shealy, a representative of Taylor Machine Works, Inc., of Louisville.

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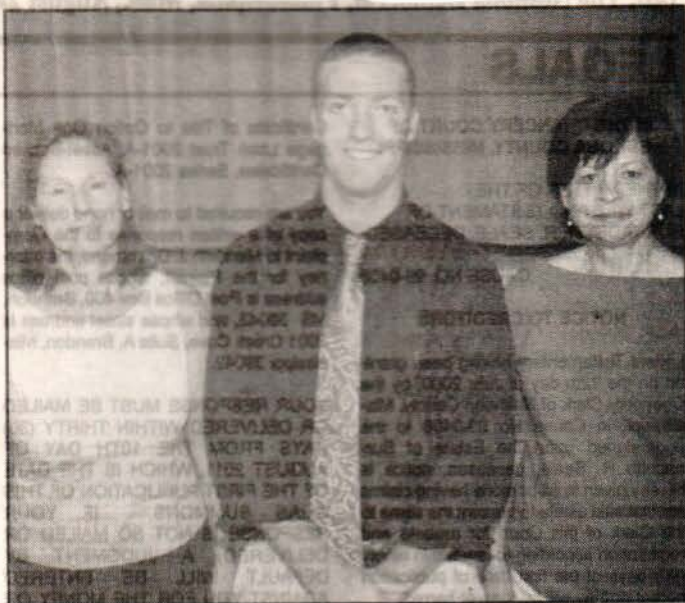
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Receives Ward scholarship

Caleb McKee (center), a 2011 graduate of Neshoba Central High School, is the recipient of the Captain Charles E. Ward Scholarship at East Central Community College in Decatur. The award was presented during the annual AT&T Scholarship Awards Program held June 16 in Huff Auditorium and followed by a luncheon in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria. He is shown with donor representatives Nancy Quinn (left) and Gloria Joiner. (EC Photo)



Receives Strickland scholarship

Marlee Rhodes (right), a 2011 graduate of Neshoba Central High School, is the recipient of the Wallace Strickland Rush Health Systems Scholarship at East Central Community College in Decatur. The award was presented during the annual AT&T Scholarship Awards Program held June 16 in Huff Auditorium and followed by a luncheon in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria. This scholarship fund was established in 2010 by Newton Community Healthcare, Inc. and Rush Foundation Hospital to honor Wallace Strickland, President and Chief Executive Officer of Rush Health Systems. Representing the donors is Tim Moore of Rush Health Systems. (EC Photo)

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Scott County grads

A host of Scott County-area residents received high school equivalency diplomas at the annual General Educational Development graduation July 14 at East Central Community College in Decatur. Recipients included, from left, front row, Joanie Shoemaker, Morton; Shiloh Nicks, Lake; Karianne Henderson, Emily Creel and Nicole Weaver, all of Forest; Christina Fowler, Morton; Tamari Moffett,

Forest; middle, Rachel Aburto, Morton; Devyn Hughes, Lake; Jeremy Sanders, Forest; Ryan Jackson, Lake; Jamarcus Robinson, Forest; Pamela Robinson, Lake; Margie Brashear, Walnut Grove; back, Jebrocskye Slack and Raven Hillhouse, both of Forest; Benjamin Riddle, Walnut Grove; Jakellsey Hollis, Morton; Wiley McCarter, Lena; and Jeffrey Harrell and Christopher Hobby, both of Forest.

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Receives supervisors' scholarships

Neshoba Central High School graduates (seated, from left) Bailey Goforth, Lauren Daniels and Brandon Anderson are recipients of the Mississippi Association of Supervisors Scholarships at East Central Community College in Decatur. The award was presented during the annual AT&T Scholarship Awards Program held June 16 in Huff Auditorium and followed by a luncheon in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria. Representing the donors are Neshoba County supervisors (standing, from left) Keith Lillis and Kevin Cumberland. (EC Photo)

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Receives Thomas scholarship

Lashundra Rush (center), a 2011 graduate of Philadelphia High School, is the recipient of the Charles and Judy Dowdle Thomas Scholarship at East Central Community College in Decatur. The award was presented during the annual AT&T Scholarship Awards Program held June 16 in Huff Auditorium and followed by a luncheon in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria. She is pictured with Charles and Judy Thomas who established the scholarship in 1997. (EC Photo)



Receives Dallas scholarship

Megan Montgomery (center), a 2011 graduate of Neshoba Central High School, is the recipient of the Fred Preston Dallas and Maudie Threatt Dallas Memorial Scholarship at East Central Community College in Decatur. The award was presented during the annual AT&T Scholarship Awards Program held June 16 in Huff Auditorium and followed by a luncheon in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria. Also pictured are donor representatives Rhodonna Chadwell (left) and Pauline Chadwell. This scholarship was established in 1991 by the children of Mr. and Mrs. Dallas in their memory and in honor of their interest in education. (EC Photo)

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Receives scholarship

Chesney Spence, a 2011 graduate of Neshoba Central High School, is accepting the Jim Clancy Memorial Scholarship Award from Rae Ellen Gordon of St. Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church. St. Francis Church gives the \$1,500 scholarship each year to a graduating senior from Philadelphia or Neshoba Central. Chesney is enrolled at East Central Community College in Decatur as a freshman.

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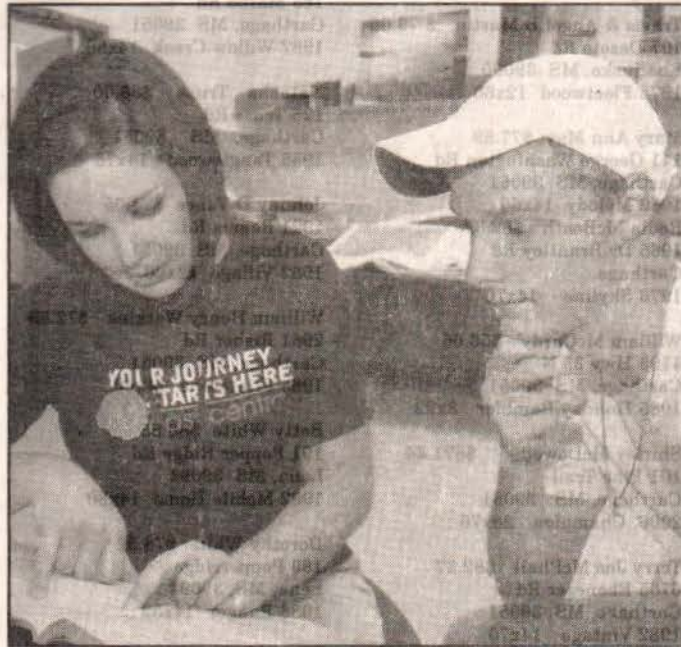
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Savell signs on

Andrew Savell, right, of Carthage, was among area students who attended orientation activities recently at East Central Community College in Decatur. Savell is shown planning his class schedule with assistance from Amanda Walton, career-technical counselor.

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ECCC enrollment hits record 3,223

Student enrollment reached an all-time high at East Central Community College in Decatur, according to David Case, Dean of Admissions, Records and Research.

Case said 3,223 students registered for the

2011 fall semester, a 7.7 percent increase compared to the previous record of 2,992 students who signed up for classes in the 2010 fall term.

ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin said the record enrollment is reflective of the college's mission "of serving students."

"East Central continues to grow," said Dr. Sutphin, now in his 12th-year leading the two-year institution.

"I think this is testament to the quality of our programs and the success of our students as they continue to pursue their goals."

Randall E. Lee, who serves as vice president of student services and leads the college's recruiting effort, added:

"East Central Community College is one of the best colleges in the state

and we offer an outstanding product. Our enrollment continues to grow because of the combination of low, low costs and a very high-quality education."

Case said the record enrollment includes 2,667 students who reside in the college's support district, which includes Leake, Neshoba, Newton, Scott and Winston counties.

The largest number of students, 752, comes from Neshoba County followed by Newton, 680; Scott, 499; Winston, 373; and Leake, 363.

Case said 556 students are from out-of-district schools in Mississippi and 92 students are from other states.

For more information, telephone Case at ECCC, 601-635-6406 or, toll free, 877-462-3222, ext. 406, or e-mail dcase@eccc.edu.

Burglars make clean get-away

Burglars apparently made a clean get-away from a Waggoner Road burglary that netted food stuffs, a collection of compact discs and contents of a box of washing detergent.

Leake County Sheriff Greg Waggoner said deputies were called Wednesday, Sept. 7, to the home Toby M. Barnes, 4270 Waggoner Road.

The woman told officers she had come home about 5:45 p.m. and found someone had entered the home, the sheriff said.

He said there were signs the back door of the manufactured home had been forced open.

He said Barnes told officers someone had ripped open a new box of washing detergent and left it half empty.

In addition, seven new compact discs were missing, plus chicken and pork steaks taken from a freez-

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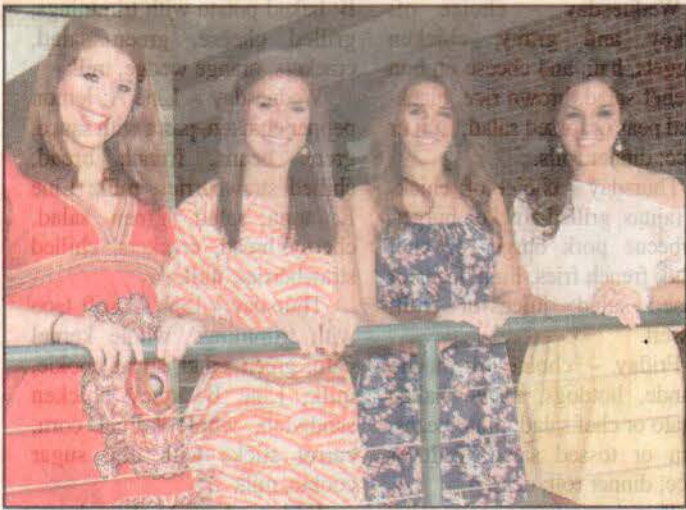
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Selected to lead East Central Community College's Student Body Association for 2011-12 are, from left, Nicole Bounds, president, of Newton; Alyse Webb, vice president, of Noxapater; Bailee Viverette, secretary, of Union; and Raychal Reed, treasurer, of Louisville. The slate of officers was chosen following elections held last spring on the Decatur campus. The campus leaders said they look forward "to providing many activities and events for students throughout the year."



Lamplighters

Representing East Central Community College at the annual Lamplighter Conference on Sept. 28-30 will be Alexei Huguley of Meridian, culinary arts instructor; Vikki McNair of Philadelphia, math instructor; and Katrina Bryant Rushford of Decatur, EMT/Paramedic director/instructor. The annual conference recognizes the state's outstanding community and junior college instructors. Northeast Community College in Booneville will host the conference. (EC Photo)

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ECCC 'Hair Battle' runners-up

Finishing second in the first annual "Fantasy Hair Competition" held for cosmetology students at East Central Community College in Decatur were, from left, Catherine Tribble of Rose Hill, Katelyn Thompson and Lori Young, both of Philadelphia; Mallory Sloan of Louisville and Suzanne Settemire of Forest, who are shown with their entry titled, "Surfin' in the Sun." Cosmetology instructor Carla Jacome-Cluff said participants were divided into teams and challenged to create a hair design with a summertime theme. "The students' creativity blossomed as they used hair and hair pieces to glue, braid and mold into a variety of shapes – including beach balls, a swimming pool, palm tree and lawn chairs," said Jacome-Cluff. For more information on the 12-month program, contact Jacome-Cluff or instructor Wanda Brackeen, 601-635-6216 or call toll free, 877-462-3222, ext. 216. The e-mail addresses are cjacomecluff@eccc.edu and wbrackeen@eccc.edu. (EC Photo)

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ECCC 'Hair Battle' winners

Taking top honors in the first annual "Fantasy Hair Competition" held for cosmetology students at East Central Community College in Decatur were, from left, Ashley Dearman of Enterprise, Chelsea Jones of Collinsville, Coeshia Meeks of Forest, and Felecia Howell and Brittany King, both of Philadelphia, who are shown with their winning design titled, "Hat's Off to a Day in Hawaii." Cosmetology instructor Carla Jacome-Cluff said participants were divided into teams and challenged to create a hair design with a summertime theme. "The students' creativity blossomed as they used hair and hair pieces to glue, braid and mold into a variety of shapes – including beach balls, a swimming pool, palm tree and lawn chairs," said Jacome-Cluff. For more information on the 12-month program, contact Jacome-Cluff or instructor Wanda Brackeen, 601-635-6216 or call toll free, 877-462-3222, ext. 216. The e-mail addresses are cjacomecluff@eccc.edu and wbrackeen@eccc.edu. (EC Photo)

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ECCC Centralettes

Members of the 2011 East Central Community College Centralettes, the danceline for the Wall O' Sound Marching Band, include (from left) Ava Marie Adkins, Union; Anna Leach, Sebastopol; Lauren Shimfessel, Newton County Academy; Hannah Farmer, Newton County; D'Angela Lang, Newton; Claire Griffin, Newton County; Aundrey Griffin, Louisville; Kendall Taylor, Central Academy; Bailey Hartness, Winston Academy; Erin Hathorn, Louisville; Loren Pullin, Union; Brittney Darby, Scott Central; Ashley Arthur and Raychal Reed, both of Winston Academy; Lindsey Miller, Newton County; Amanda Williamson, Lake; Laura Daniels, Neshoba Central; Brittany Burton, Winston Academy; and Baleigh Viverette, Union. Nichole Hillman is serving her sixth year as coordinator/choreographer for the group. Thomas W. Carson begins his 30th year as ECCC Director of Bands.

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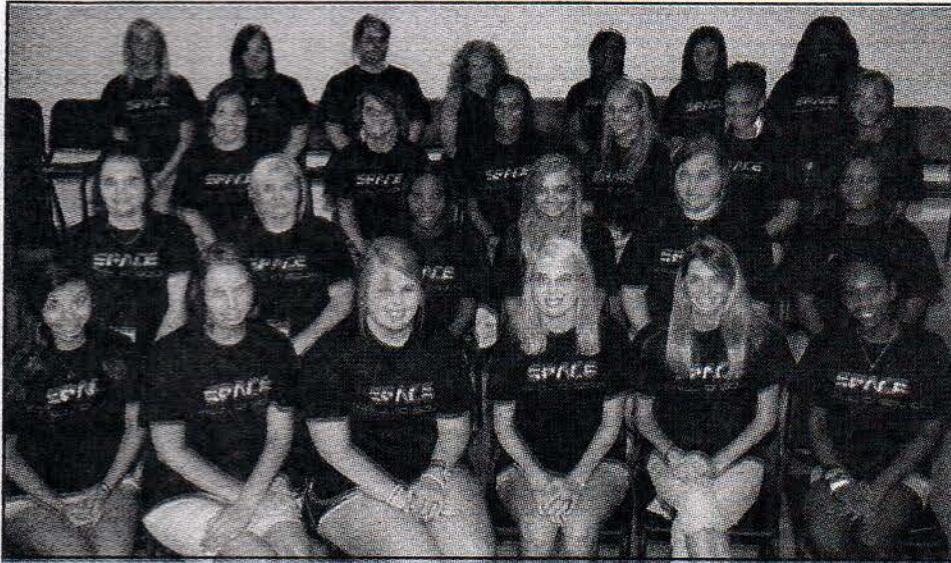
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ECCC Color Guard

Color Guard members for the 2011-12 East Central Community College Wall O' Sound Marching Band include (first row, from left) Lydia Cook and Shelby Powell, both of Meridian; Tiffany Benson, Philadelphia; Rachel Sharp, Louisville; Kayla Brown, Forest; and India Ball, Louisville; (second row, from left) Olivia Harrison, Little Rock; Magen Pierce, Newton; Kayla Greer, Katherine Upchurch, and Ashleigh Salvage, all of Philadelphia; and De' Obra Smith of Louisville; (third row, from left) Breanna Terrell, Decatur; Stevie Pace, Lake; Ariel Brauner, Louisville; Corie Skinner, Union; Persephiney Wingo, Morton; and Jasmine Pickens, Newton; and (back row, from left) Tori McInnis, Union; Amanda Packer, Decatur; Megan Smith, Lake; Color Guard director Janie Mayfield, Union; Lorraina Burkes, Sebastopol; Amanda Barnett, Union and Kierra Ealy, Morton. Thomas W. Carson serves as director of bands and Ed Girling is assistant director.

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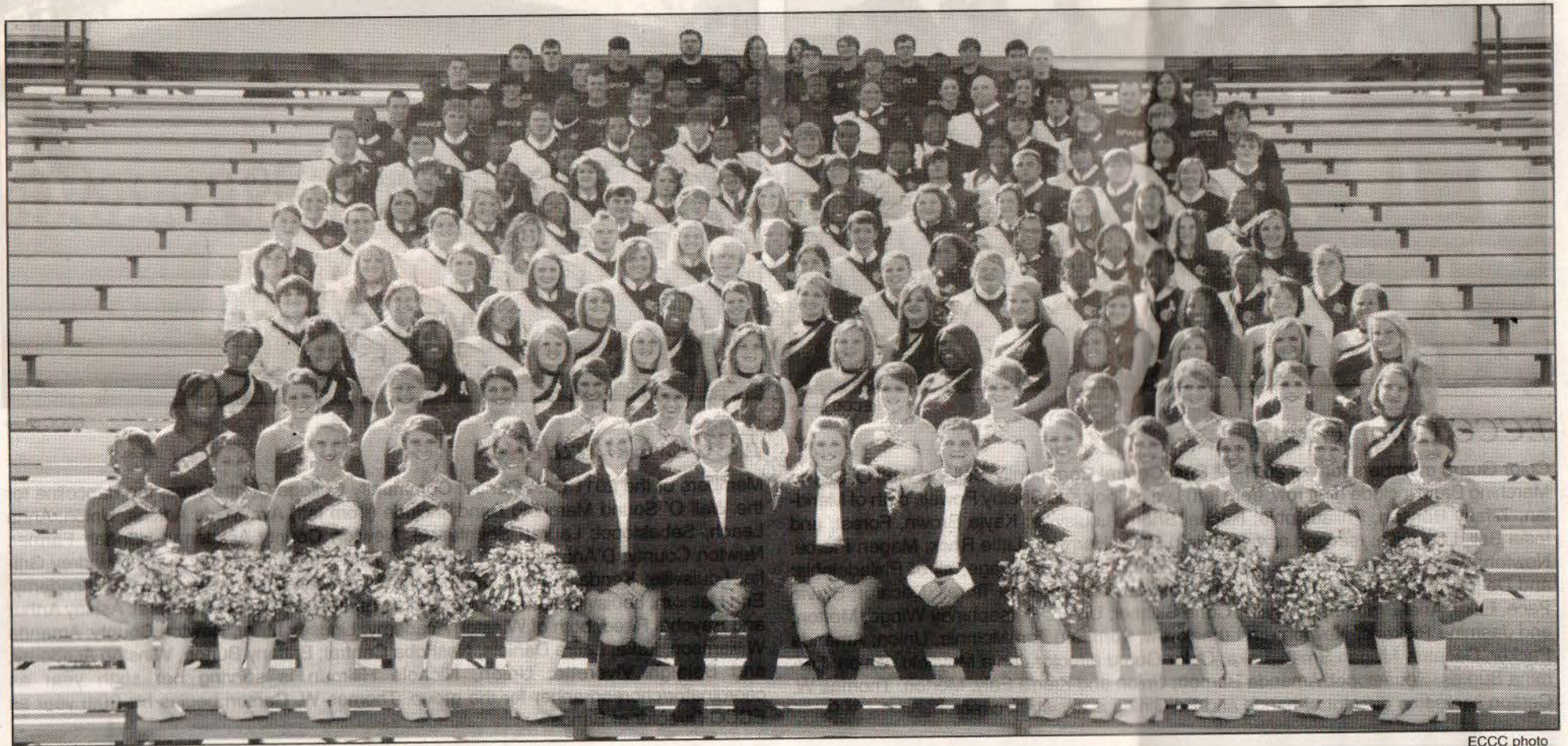
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Neshoba County band members

Members of the 2011-12 East Central Community College Wall O' Sound Marching Band from Neshoba County include (first row, from left) Brandon Warrick, Clint Reynolds, Nick Willis, Tommie Warren, Tanner McGee, Cortney Drummond and Whitney Jenkins, all of Philadelphia; (second row, from left) Chris Lyons, Kayla Greer, Eden McGee, Katherine Upchurch, Tiffany Benson, Ashleigh Savage and Brittany Neese, all of Philadelphia; (third row, from left) John Clifton Pope and Chadeidra Hunt, both of Philadelphia; Joshua Richardson, Preston; T.J. Anderson, Philadelphia; Bailee Viverette, Union; Lauren Daniels, Philadelphia; and Loren Pullin, Union; and (back row, from left) Hailey Rhodes, Leslie Young, Zyron Jones, Austin Savell, Michael Savell and Carolyn Young, all of Philadelphia. Thomas W. Carson serves as director of bands and Ed Girling is assistant director.

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ECCC Wall O' Sound Marching Band

East Central Community College's Wall O' Sound Marching Band for 2011 is under the direction of Thomas W. Carson. Ed Girling is assistant director.

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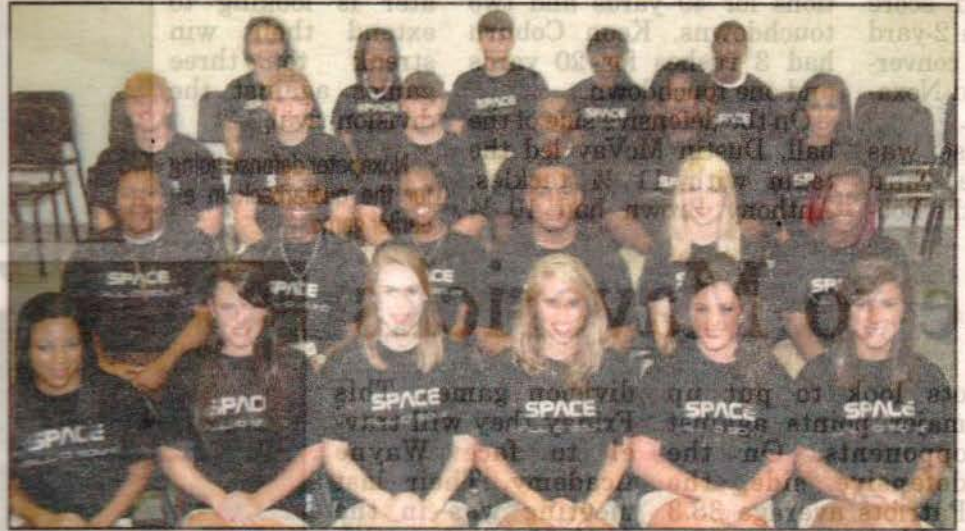
ECCC Wall O' Sound on a mission

For 30 years, East Central Community College's Director of Bands, Tom Carson has wowed the audience with an exciting marching show. This year is no exception as the Wall O' Sound travels to worlds unknown with their halftime mission to SPACE!

"Beginning my 30th year at ECC also brings the largest marching band in the college's history. As a fan of outer space type movies, this past spring I thought it would be fun to combine several space themed ideas into a show. As a result, I combined several selections from Star Trek to ET, with several fun surprises along the way. This promises to be a very fast moving and entertaining show for all ages."

Ed Girling returns for his second year as assistant band director and percussion instructor. Nichol Hillman is serving her sixth year as choreographer/coordinator for the Centralettes, the dance line for the Wall O' Sound, and Janie Mayfield begins her second year as color guard coordinator. Calvin Griffin is serving his first year as twirler instructor.

Also providing leadership and experience for the 2011 Wall O' Sound band program are head drum major Courtney Mackey of Collinsville and assistant drum majors Mathew Dempsey of Louisville, Genny Brown of Union and Jacob King of Sebastopol; drum captain Kelsey Ladner of West Lauderdale; color guard captain Rachel



Members of the 2011-12 East Central Community College Wall O' Sound Marching Band from Winston County include (first row, from left) Erin Hathorn, Ashley Arthur, Brittany Burton, Bailey Hartness, and Raychal Reed, all of Louisville; Alyse Webb, Noxapater; (second row, from left) BreCIA Hornesburger, Vacinte Young, India Ball, T.J. Davis, Rachel Sharp and De'Obra Smith, all of Louisville; (third row, from left) Matthew Dempsey, Lucas Calvert, Eric Trospen, Chris Mays, Sam Goss and Ariel Brawner, all of Louisville; and (back row, from left) Rosie Hickman, Kenya Hickman, Jake Thompson, Denetra Darden and Xavier Rodgers, all of Louisville. Thomas W. Carson serves as director of bands and Ed Girling is assistant director.

captain Tiffany Benson of Philadelphia; and Centralette co-captains Raychal Reed of Louisville and Anna Leach of Sebastopol.

The band made its debut performance during halftime of the Warriors' game again Northwest Mississippi Community College on Thursday, Sept. 8, in Decatur. They will continue to perform for all home games, which begin at 6:30 p.m.

East Central Community College band members include:

Brandon: Katie Butler;

Carthage: Mattie Brooks, Lacie Sessums, Destiny Crawford, Latia Peavy, Meghan McIntosh, Ashley Moore, Ashley Palmer, Erin Wooten, Lindsey Adams, Jasmine Henry, Ronda Morris and Turner Stevens, Cody Jenkins, Danny Smith, Ethan Russell, Brandon Sellers and Thomas Reeves;

Collinsville: Gareth Driskell, Kelsey Ladner, Tarra Gipson, Hannah Cade, Jessie Armstrong and Georgia Doner;

Conehatta: Sarah La Bue;

Decatur: Tyler Yates, Ryan Gillis, Cassie Munn, Lindsey Miller, Amanda Packer, Breanna Terrell, Tiffany Sims, Claire Griffin, Hannah Farmer, Jeremy Carson and Jon Marie Baucum;

Dallas: Sandy Alexander;

Flowood: Audrey Cannon;

Forest: Brittney Darby, Kayla Brown, Chris Pittman, Ryan McClendon;

Goshen: James Hanna;

Hero: Robin Coker;

Hickory: Julien Gillis, Kameron Boulton, Bo Foshier, Melissa Manues,

Lake: Megan Smith, Chelsea McMillan, Amanda Williamson, Kellie Black, Shatarra

Gibbs, Matt Graham, Jacoquyn Rasco, and Jacob Emmons;

Lawrence: Jasmine Pickens;

Little Rock: Caleb Raines, Brooke Boyd and Livi Harrison;

Louin: Terry Davis;

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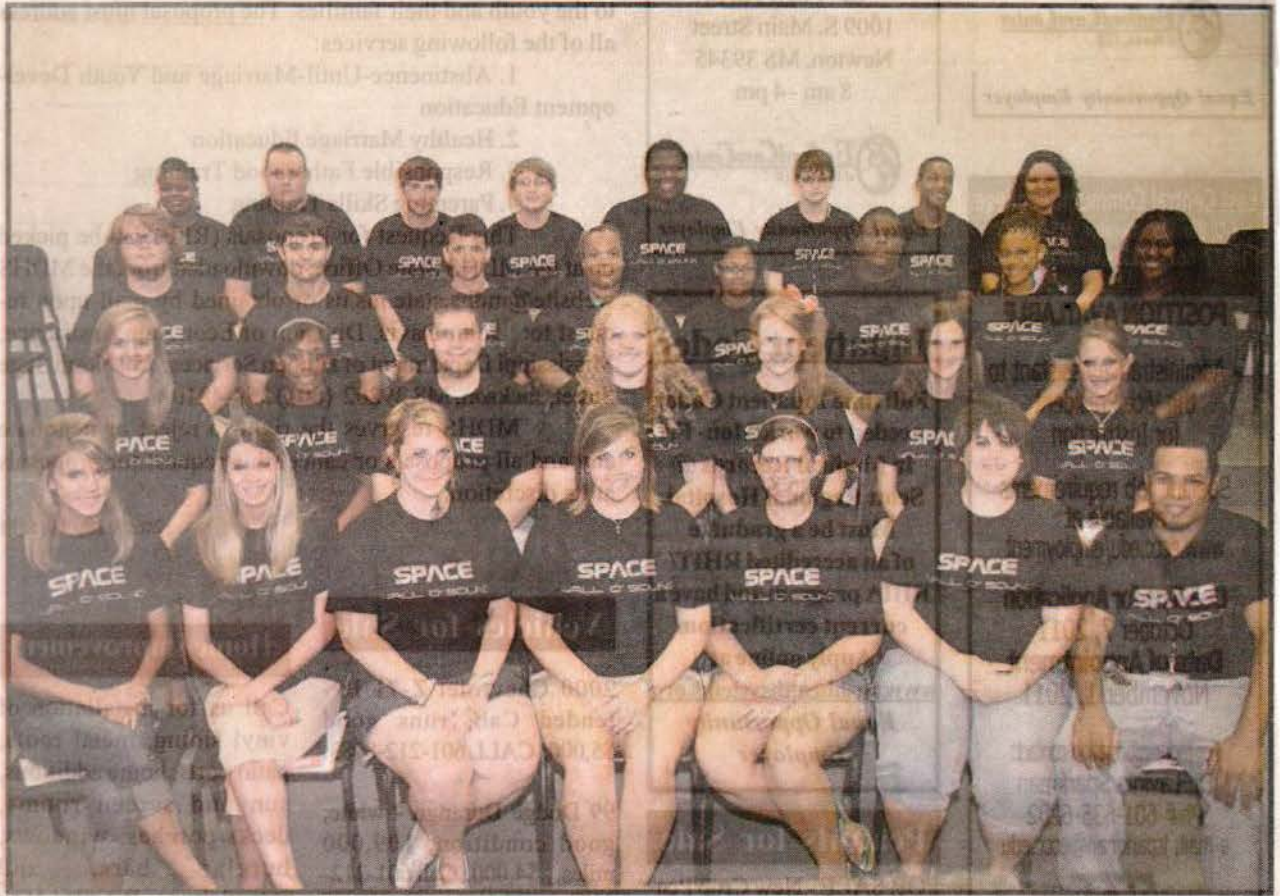
Lucas Calvert, Eric Trospen, Chris Mays, Sam Goss, Ariel Brawner, Rosie Hickman, Kenya Hickman, Jake Thompson, Denetra Darden and Xavier Rodgers;

Macon: Kendall Taylor;

McCarley: Greg Winters and Daniel Winters;

Meridian: Lydia Cook, Jordan Brownlee, Courtney Mackey and Shelby Powell, all of Meridian;

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Avery Ward and Jade	Preston: Joshua
Castillo;	Richardson;
Newton: Michael	Puckett: Hunter
Buntyn, Jamey Tune,	Brooks and Rob Parker;
Jason Mann, Ellen	Sebastopol: Tyler
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Leslie Young, Zyron	free 1-877-462-3222.



ECCC Scott County Wall O' Sound members

Members of the 2011-12 East Central Community College Wall O' Sound Marching Band from Scott County include (first row, from left) Brittney Darby and Kayla Brown, both of Forest; Megan Smith, Lake; Lindsay Gibbs and Kristy Athey, both of Morton; Danielle Shelley, Sebastopol; and Chris Pittman, Forest; (second row, from left) Anna Leach, Lorraina Burkes and Jacob King, all of Sebastopol; Chelsea McMillan, Amanda Williamson and Kellie Black, all of Lake; and Kayla Ezell, Morton; (third row, from left) Daniel Kersgaard, Morton; James Cumberland, Sebastopol; Shawn Windham, Morton; Shatarra Ickom and Yashica Ickom, both of Lake; Ryan McClendon, Forest; Persephiney Wingo and Kierra Ealy, both of Morton; and (back row, from left) Shatarra Donald, Lake; Justin Collins, Forest; Jason Gibbs, Matt Graham, Jacoquyn Rasco, and Jacob Emmons, all of Lake; Avery Ward and Jade Castillo, both of Morton. Thomas W. Carson serves as director of bands and Ed Girling is assistant director. (EC Photo)

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ECCC Students Participate in 'University Day'

Morton freshmen Kayla Ezell (center) and Toni Winters were among East Central Community College students who took advantage of "Four-Year College and University Day" held Thursday, Sept. 22 on the Decatur campus. They are shown receiving information about the University of Mississippi from recruiter Ty Allushuski. Numerous representatives from the state's four-year colleges and universities participated in the annual event held to assist ECCC students with their educational goals. (EC Photo)

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Peavey crowned ECCC homecoming queen

Sophomore LaTia Peavey, second from left, of Carthage was crowned homecoming queen at East Central Community College during halftime ceremonies of the Warriors' football game with MS Gulf Coast Community College held Saturday, Oct. 8, at Bailey Stadium on the Decatur campus. Peavey, who plans to pursue a medical career, received her crown from ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin, left. Serving as Miss Peavey's escort was Darryl Cooks, who is also a sophomore from Carthage and plans a career in medicine. Both are products of Carthage High School. Shown at right is 2010 queen Emily Hawthorn of Louisville, who presented the new queen with a bouquet of roses.

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ECCC SURGICAL TECHNOLOGIST WEEK



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As part of the Surgical Technologist Week, Sept. 19-23, East Central Community College in Decatur celebrated with a reception. The third week of September was proclaimed to honor surgical technologists statewide by Gov. Haley Barbour. Taking part in the celebration are: front row, from left, Kristie Pilgrim, surgical technology instructor, Lee Ann Shirley, surgical technology program director/instructor, and Dr. Lavinia Sparkman, vice president for instruction; second row, from left, Wayne Eason, director of workforce education, and surgical technology students Summer Hodge of Meridian, Sonya Jones Jenkins of Carthage, Kara Germany of Rose Hill, Stephanie Williams of Meridian, Shannon Gallaspy of Newton, Stephanie Owens of Louisville, Angela Walker of Meridian, Sharon O'Neal of DeKalb and ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin; third row, from left, and surgical technology students, Jake Cain of Chunky, Melissa Thomas of Meridian, Kristi Fulcher of Louisville, Triana Parker of Meridian, Lisa Hoskins of Philadelphia and Andreal Ross of Lake.

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Crash claims ECCC student

By Cheryl Owens

Appeal Reporter

Students at East Central Community College are mourning the tragic death of one of their classmates.

Kyle Dunkerson, a sophomore at the college, died Friday morning at University Medical Center in Jackson from injuries he suffered in



Kyle Dunkerson

a two-vehicle crash Thursday afternoon.

According to Newton Police Chief Harvey Curry, Dunkerson was a passenger in a vehicle driven by Andrew Smith, also a sophomore at East Central.

"The Altima that Dunkerson was a passenger in was headed east on Hwy. 15," Curry said.

"A jeep, carrying two females from Neshoba County, was headed north. It appears the Altima got in the lane of traffic of the jeep that was heading north. The jeep was not faced with a stop sign, but the Altima was," he said.

"An accident reconstructionist has been on the scene, but we do not know the results at this time."

Curry said alcohol and

drugs were not factors in the accident.

"The alcohol and drug tests came back negative, and as far as our department this case is closed," Curry said.

"Either way, a young man lost his life, and that is bad. Our condolences go out to each family that was involved," he said.

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The driver of the vehicle, Andrew Smith, also a sophomore, was seriously injured in the accident.

Passengers in the other vehicle were not seriously injured, according to reports.

As services for Dunkerson were held at Clarke Venable Baptist

Church in Decatur on Monday, many of his friends remembered the young man's outgoing personality.

"His smile and personality were contagious," Katie Reeves of Decatur said.

"You couldn't help but be in a good mood around him," Bailee Viverette, an EC sophomore from

"No matter what was going wrong in your day, if you ever ran into Kyle, he was smiling- and his smiles were contagious. He would make your day in a heartbeat."

-classmate Bailee Viverette

Union, said.

"No matter what was going wrong in your day, if you ever ran into Kyle, he was smiling and his smiles were contagious. He would make your day in a heartbeat. No one can fake the genuine happiness that Kyle always had

inside of him."

"You never saw him in a bad mood," said friend Kirby Keith. "He was a great friend and a guy who would speak to you every time you saw him."

"Anybody that has ever met Kyle would agree that he had such a

beautiful smile," said Nicole Bounds of Newton.

"He was always goofing off and laughing. He always seemed so full of life, and was so much fun to be around."

ECCC President Dr. Phil Sutphin said the college was "deeply sad-

dened" by the tragedy.

"Kyle was an active part of the College and had many friends here," he said.

"His absence will leave a void physically and emotionally."

LEADS ECCC'S PHI BETA LAMBDA CHAPTER



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These members of East Central Community College's Phi Beta Lambda Chapter were selected to lead the organization for the 2011-12 school year. Seated from left are Rachel Alexander, president, and Chelsea Gilmer, vice president, both of Philadelphia; Dorothy Chapman of Lake, secretary; and Tyeshia Meeks of Decatur, reporter. Standing from left are Nathan Wells of Noxapater, parliamentarian; Caleb Raines of Little Rock, historian; and Tanner Fortenbery of Union, treasurer. Phi Beta Lambda is an organization for business students. Its purpose is to foster a better relationship between one another and to cultivate a better understanding of business principles in general. Business technology instructor Christy Ferguson serves as sponsor.

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ECCC homecoming



ECCC Homecoming Court

Members of the 2011 Homecoming Court at East Central Community College in Decatur include (front row, from left) freshman maids Kristen Carson of Carthage, Kaleigh McCool of Philadelphia and Cydney Stuart of Philadelphia; queen LaTia Peavey of Carthage; maid of honor Ava Marie Adkins of Union; and sophomore maids Bailee Viverette of Union and Madison Nowell and Raychal Reed both of Louisville; and (back row, from left) escorts Percy Lewis of Morton, Bobby Wrench of Carthage, Lucas Calvert of Louisville, Dylan Alford of Philadelphia, Darryl Cooks of Carthage, Casey Wells of Laurel, Kirby Keith of Decatur, Drew Smith of Louisville and Justin Gates of Decatur. Not pictured is freshman maid Ronda Morris of Carthage. The queen and her court were presented Saturday, October 8, during halftime of the ECCC vs. Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College football game. (EC Photo)

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Serves on homecoming court at ECCC

Alex Stuart, left, daughter of Sid and Kim Stuart, and Kayleigh McCool, daughter of Tommy and Pam McCool, were selected as freshman maids for the East Central Community College homecoming court. Stuart was escorted by Dylan Alford, son of Diane Alford while McCool was escorted by Lucas Calvert, son of Speedy and Jamie Calvert.

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Cast for ECCC's 'Murder in the Heir!'

Above are cast members for the East Central Community College production of "Murder in the Heir!" by Billy St. John. The dinner theater presentation is scheduled at 7 p.m. Nov. 10-12, 2011 (Thursday - Saturday) in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria on the Decatur campus. Pictured are (first row, from left) Tanner Fortenberry and Ashley Swearingen, both of Union; Dent Kelly, Lake; Sandy Alexander, Duffy; Hunter Brooks, Mendenhall; Amy Gilbert, Lake; and (back row, from left) George Bond, Brandon; Colton Hurst, Hickory; Danielle Shelly, Sebastopol; Donnell McDowell, Memphis; Chris Pittman, Forest; Clint Reynolds, Philadelphia; Amanda Packer, Decatur; James Hannah, Carthage; Lindsey Gibbs, Morton; and Megan Dollar, Union. Not pictured is Sarah Pierce, Carthage. English instructor Stacey Pollock serves as director. Tickets are \$15 each and can be reserved by calling the ECCC Switchboard, 601-635-2111. (EC Photo)

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ECCC residence hall council

Pictured above are 2011-2012 residence hall council members at East Central Community College in Decatur. Students and their respective high schools include, front row, from left, Holli Nutt, Morton; Beth Mayes, Jacksonville, Ala.; Erica Johnson, Philadelphia; Shelby Parkman, Raleigh; and organization president LaTia Peavy, Carthage; Back row, Danny Smith, Carthage; Justin Collins, Forest; Perry Stroud, Lake; and Chris Thames, Decatur. Director of Housing/Student Activities Marcie Pinson serves as sponsor. (EC Photo)

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EC Gospel Choir Fall Concert Nov. 2

A night of gospel music featuring performers of various ages will be presented Wednesday, Nov. 2, when East Central Community College's Gospel Choir holds its annual fall concert.

The special program begins at 6:30 p.m. in Huff Auditorium on the Decatur campus.

In addition to performances by the ECCC Gospel Choir, other

entertainers include Sierra Ward of Lisa Knowles and The Brown Singers, and The Scott County Youth Mass Choir.

The public is invited to attend and there is no charge for admission.

For more information, contact Brenda K. Johnson, Gospel Choir sponsor, 601-683-6383 or e-mail ksanders@eccc.edu.

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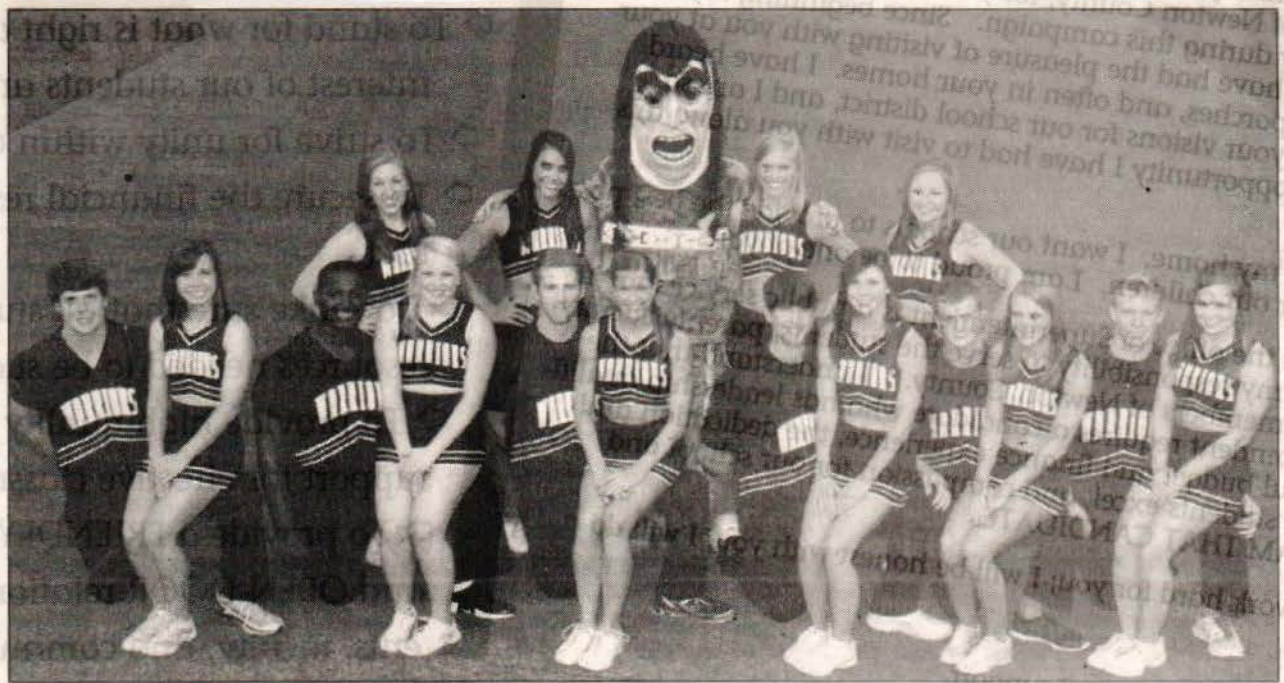
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ECCC Cheerleaders

Leading cheers for East Central Community College's football and basketball squads for 2011-12 are (front row, from left) Channing Bucklew of Winston Academy; Robyn Fanning, Philadelphia; Jackie Leggett, Meridian; Mallory Holder, Sylva-Bay Academy; Drew Smith, Louisville; Claire Tadlock and Jesse Holloway, both of Newton County; Ashli Bell, Scott Central; Cody Warren, Neshoba Central; Hailey Dunavant, Newton County; Jacob Johnson, Nanih Waiya; and Whitney Stokes, Neshoba Central; and (back row) Kayleigh McCool, Neshoba Central; Madison Nowell, Winston Academy; Warrior Chief mascot Lane Evans, Nanih Wayia; Katie Reeves, Newton County; and Audree Middleton, Raleigh. ECCC faculty member Patrick Stokley serves as cheer coach and Victoria Jones is his assistant.

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Phi Theta Kappa

Pictured on the left is 1971 National President of Phi Theta Kappa, Billy Gordon, as he participates in the recent induction ceremony of his son, Blake Gordon, to the Theta Xi Chapter of PTK at East Central Community College. Phi Theta Kappa is an International Honorary Fraternity that recognizes superior academic achievement among community college students.

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ECCC Drum Majors

Leading the East Central Community College Wall O' Sound Marching Band for 2011-12 are (from left) freshman Jacob King (assistant drum major), a product of Sebastopol High School, sophomore Courtney Mackey (head drum major), West Lauderdale High School; freshman Genny Brown (assistant drum major), Union High School; and sophomore Matthew Dempsey (assistant drum major), Louisville High School. Thomas W. Carson serves as director of bands.

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Newest PTK



East Central Community College's Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for two-year colleges, recently held fall induction ceremonies on the Decatur campus. New members include (front row, from left) Erica Blanton of Carthage, Eden McGee of Philadelphia and Diane Foy of Newton; and (back row, from left) Anna Leach of Sebastopol, Ivor Weldon of Raleigh, Lara Elliott of Nanih Waiya and Blake Gordon of Philadelphia. Not pictured are Donald Babson, Decatur; Austin Conn, Mize; Ashley Dickerson, Louisville; Cherry Hardaway, Rosi Hill; Andrew Harrison, Newton; Rosalia Hernandez Chirn of Forest; Aubrey Howell, Union; Chelsea McMillan, Lake; and Christina Wallace, Carthage. The purpose of Phi Theta Kappa is to promote scholarship, to develop character and to cultivate fellowship among academically superior students. Membership is by invitation only. To be eligible, students must have earned a 3.5 or better grade point average as a full-time student and have an overall grade point average of 3.5 or better. Curt Skipper and Amanda Walton serve as advisers. (EC Photo)

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ECCC beauties

Five young women were selected beauties at East Central Community College Tuesday, Oct. 25, following pageant activities in Decatur, including, from left, Brittany

Burton of Louisville, LaTia Peavy of Carthage, Raychal Reed, Most Beautiful, of Louisville, Taylor Lynch of Morton, and Lindsey Miller of Decatur.

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Former Winston County players honored at ECCC

From press reports

For the second straight year, East Central Community College standout linebacker Chris Ficklin of Forest has received All-Region 23 and MACJC First Team All-State honors in recognition of his accomplishments on the gridiron.

Ficklin, a 5-11, 194-pound product of Scott Central High School, finished third in individual and total tackles in the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior College (MACJC) competition, registering 71 solo stops and 29 assists.

The multi-talented student-athlete also proved he can still play

on the offensive side of the ball, as the former Rebel running back rushed for 103 yards on 16 carries and scored three touchdowns in leading the Warriors to a 41-28 victory over Southwest Mississippi Community College in the season finale on Oct. 27 in Summit. It was Ficklin's first stint at running back since his high school days.

Ficklin was also an honorable mention NJCAA All-American selection following his freshman season, after registering 78 solo tackles and 48 assists during the 2010 campaign. He has also been nominated for the 2011 NJCAA All-American Team.

Other Warriors re-

ceiving post-season honors representing the MACJC South Division include center Tate Rogers (6-2, 285) of Louisville High School, return specialist Reggie Hall (5-9, 173) of Neville High School in Monroe, La., both sophomores, and freshman punter Rob Moffitt (5-11, 205) of Winston Academy in Louisville, who were chosen Second Team All-State.

Hall was rated the top punt returner in the state, with three attempts for 93 yards, a 31-yard average. His longest effort was a 90-yard return for a touchdown. He was also ranked among the state's top kickoff returnees, as the sophomore speedster

gathered 12 attempts for 308 yards, a 25.7-yard average.

Moffitt finished third in punting by averaging 40.9 yards on 49 attempts. His longest effort was 59 yards.

Warriors receiving honorable mention include offensive lineman Bart Whigham (6-4, 315), a product of Northview High School in Dothan, Ala.; defensive back/running back Dennis Thames (6', 190) of Louisville High School; wide receiver Brock Hall (6-3, 200), of Paul W. Bryant High School, Tuscaloosa, Ala.; linebacker Tyrone Williams (6, 225), Thomasville (Ga.) High School; line-backer Darius Wren



Rogers

(5-11, 215), West Lauderdale High School; defensive lineman Semisi Tupou (6-4, 400), a product of Orange High School, Long Beach, Calif.; defensive lineman Bradley Dorsey (6-6, 380), Morton High School; defensive back Jerrell Priester (5-10, 190), Fairfax High School, Ulma, S.C.; defensive back Ben



Moffitt

Brooks (5-9, 175), Northeast Lauderdale High School; and defensive lineman Lakenneth Weidman (6-5, 235), South Leake High School.

East Central finished 2-7 overall and 1-5 in league play under second-year head coach Brian Anderson. Anderson served as interim head coach in 2009.

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Art sale



ECCC Art Students Offer Christmas Prints

East Central Community College's Student Art Association is once again offering Christmas prints for sale as a fundraiser for the organization and a designated charity. Prints are hand-colored, limited edition linocuts designed by art students Magen Pierce of Newton and Megan Smith of Forest and produced by art club members. Proceeds will support the College's art association and benefit Director of Bands Thomas W. Carson with medical and other expenses related to his battle with esophageal cancer. Each print will be signed, numbered, matted, shrink-wrapped and ready to fit in a standard 11" x 14" frame. "They make great small Christmas gifts and they are fast becoming a Christmas tradition," said art instructor Christopher Brady. Prints are \$15 each and can be purchased by sending a check to the ECCC Student Art Association. Orders must be received by Nov. 30, 2011. Prints will be ready for delivery the week of Dec. 5-9, 2011. For more information, contact Chris Brady, 601-635-6229 or e-mail cbrady@eccc.edu.

ECCC Ac'cents to present fall show

The Ac'cents, East Central Community College's show choir, will present their fall concert at 7 p.m. Thursday, December 1, 2011, in the Vickers Fine Arts Center Auditorium on the Decatur campus.

Selections include "Beautiful Day" by the Black-Eyed Peas, "Born to be Somebody" by Justin Bieber, "I Want to Know What Love Is" recorded by

Foreigner and Mariah Carey, "Viva La Vida" by Coldplay, "Somebody to Love" by Queen, "Orphans of God" from the collection of "Joy in the House," "Billionaire" made popular by Bruno Mars, "I Look to You" recorded by Whitney Houston, "Express Yourself: The Music of Madonna," and "Firework" by Katy Perry.

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ECCC 'Free Enterprise' project winners

Taking top honors for their advertisement promoting "Simply Sweets Store" are (second from left) Jennifer McAllister, Karliscia Moore and Kiera Parker, who are members of Lisa Greenwood's business and computer technology class at the Philadelphia/Neshoba County Career-Technical Center. Information on owning and operating a business was recently presented to the career-technical students by members of East Central Community College's Theta Chi Chapter of Phi Beta Lambda, an organization for business students. Students in Lucas' class used the information to create an idea for a new business. The class was divided into groups and challenged to design advertisements for various businesses, which ranged from a sweet shop to a clothing store. Also pictured are PBL members Chelsea Gilmer (left) and Hannah Harrison, both of Philadelphia. (Submitted photo)

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ECCC campus leaders

The 2011-2012 student government leaders at East Central Community College in Decatur and their respective high schools include, front row, from left, Sophomore Class Treasurer Katie Reeves, Newton County; Sophomore Class Secretary Hannah Clay, Lake; Student Body Association (SBA) Vice President Alyse Webb, Noxapater; Sophomore Class President Whitney Stokes, Neshoba Central; SBA Treasurer Raychal Reed, Winston Academy; and Sophomore Class Vice President Latia Peavy, Carthage; Back row, Freshman Class President Jeremy Carson, Newton County; SBA Secretary Bailee Viverette, Union; SBA President Nicole Bounds, Newton County; Freshman Class Secretary Kourtney Johnson, Union; Freshman Class Vice President Hannah Farmer, Newton County; and Freshman Class Treasurer Chris Evans, Meridian. Director of Housing/Student Activities Marcie Pinson serves as sponsor. (EC Photo)

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Scholarship representative visits ECCC

Executive Director of the Mississippi Rural Physicians Scholarship Program (MRPSP) Janie Guice (left) held a seminar for prospective program applicants who are considering a career in medicine on October 27 on the Decatur campus of East Central Community College. MRPSP was formed in 2007 by the Mississippi Legislature in an effort to increase the number of primary care physicians in rural or medically underserved areas of Mississippi. Guice informed ECCC students of opportunities available through MRPSP, including information on the program's newly developed direct entry process, scholarships, MCAT preparation and hands-on training through the University of Mississippi Medical Center. For more information about MRPSP, visit <http://mrpsp.umc.edu>. (EC Photo)

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Robert Wyatt (right) of Decatur is a recipient of the Mississippi Automotive Manufacturers Scholarship, which provides educational expenses for full-time students enrolled in engineering or automotive-related programs at East Central Community College in Decatur. Wyatt, a freshman, is a product of Newton County High School. He is shown receiving the scholarship from Dr. Randall E. Lee, vice president for student services. (EC Photo)

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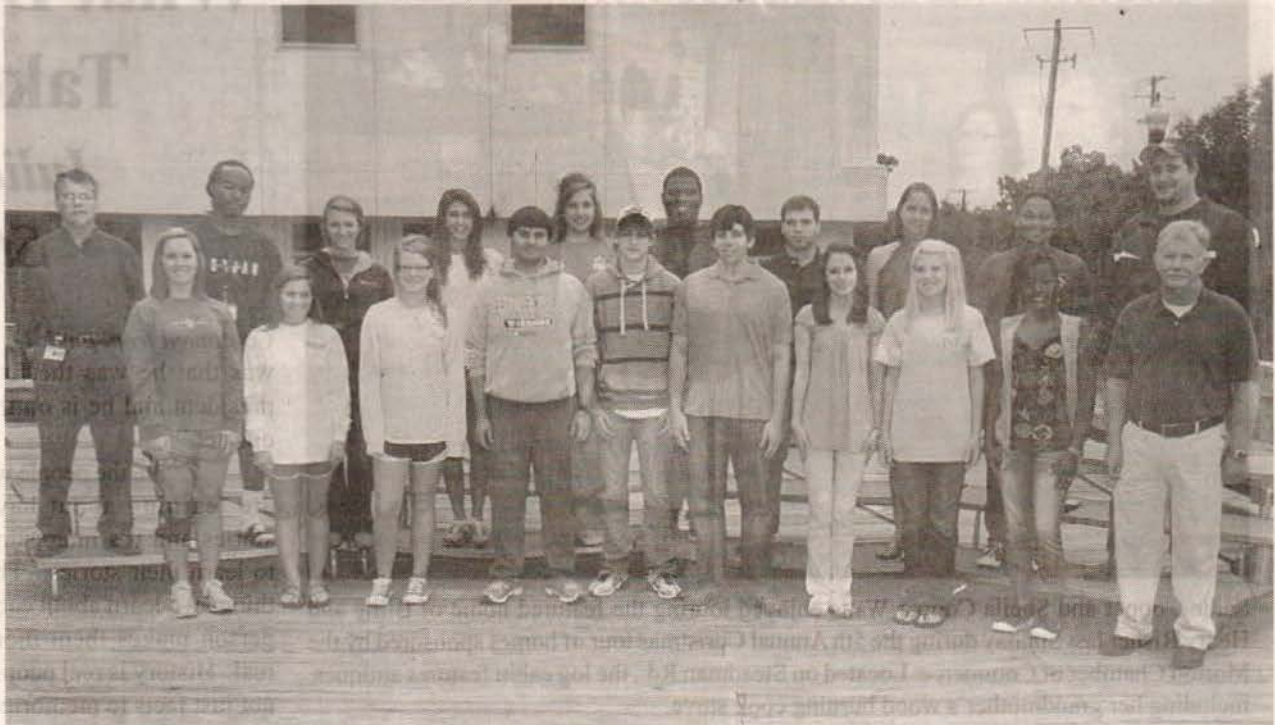
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ECCC Astronomy Club

Astronomy Club members at East Central Community College include (first row, from left) Kristen Grace Nettles, Forest; Whitney Stokes, Philadelphia; Amanda Williamson, Lake; James Cumberland, Sebastopol; Cameron Jolly, Edinburg; Dustin Cullen and Ashley Moore, both of Carthage; Rachel Sharp, Sturgis; LaTia Peavy, Carthage; and sponsor Billy Miles, physics instructor; and (back row, from left) sponsor George Alexander, biology instructor; D'Arby Singleton, Ridgeland; Loren Pullin and Bailee Viverette, both of Union; Lindsay Gibbs, Morton; Jacoquyn Rasco, Lake; Jarod Yarbrough, Forest; Shelby Powell, Collinsville; Christina Nollie, Carthage; and Brandon Fedrick, Philadelphia. (EC Photo)

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These members of the East Central Community College Concert Choir will perform at 8 p.m. Saturday, December 10, 2011, at The Arena at Golden Moon Hotel & Casino in Choctaw as part of the Kenny Rogers 2011 Christmas and Hits Tour. This is the 30th anniversary of the Christmas Tour and local choirs and children have been chosen to perform in each city. The who will include live performances of holiday classics and Rogers' biggest hits. The Christmas portion of the show will be themed "Christmas In America." Rogers will also be joined by special guest Billy Dean, who is an ECCC alumnus. Tickets prices vary and can be purchased by calling the Golden Moon box office at 1-800-745-3000. ECCC choir members and their respective hometowns include (first row, from left) Kourtney Johnson, Union; Alex Weir, Philadelphia; Polly Vaughn, Decatur; Macy Seale, Philadelphia; Jon' Marie Baucum, Decatur; Jessica Barnett, Forest; Cayla Engle and Claire Griffin, both of Decatur; Tiffany Benson, Philadelphia; and Summer Richardson, Union; (second row, from left) Tyler Yates, Decatur; Tyler Gilmore, Sebastopol; Kelsie Mann, Hickory; Courtney Mackey, Meridian; Persephiney Wingo, Morton; Ava Marie Adkins, Union; Sandy Alexander, Duffee; Melody Mann, Hickory; Troy Gregory, Little Rock; and Joshua Peoples, Carthage; and (back row, from left) Tom Jackson, Louisville; Christopher Newman, Shuqualak; Kirk Griffin, Union; Jeremy Carson and Kirby Keith, both of Decatur; Johnny Kight, Louisville; Bo Foster, Hickory; Jason Mann, Newton; James Parker, Puckett; and Matthew Dempsey, Louisville. Choral/vocal music instructor Vicki Blaylock serves as director. (EC Photo)

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East Central Community College students Alex Weir and Tadarin "Bo" Foster, perform during the Ac'cents show choir's fall concert last week. The group, under the direction of Vicki Blaylock, performed a set of classic and modern pop tunes.

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East Central President's Council

The President's Council at East Central Community College in Decatur was established in 1985 to provide better communication between student organizations and the president's office. Members of the prestigious group for 2011-12 and their respective home towns include, seated, from left, Courtney Mackey, Meridian; Raychal Reed (club president), Louisville; ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin; Vice President for Student Services Dr. Randall E. Lee; DeMarcus Taylor (vice president), Enterprise; and LaTia Peavy, Carthage; second row, Haley Chaney, Newton; Suzy Lane, Philadelphia; Lauren Lurk, Newton; Sam Irby, Morton; Katelyn Jordan, Louisville; Whitney Stokes, Philadelphia; Rachel Sharp, Sturgis; Haley Mitchell, Union; Megan Smith, Forest; and Christina Nollie, Carthage; and back row, Antonio Nash, Carthage; Colton Hurst, Hickory; Dustin Cullen and Nigel Allen, both of Carthage; Ben Reiss, Forest; Dalton Kelly, Lake; Lee Taylor, Forest; Alex Weir, Philadelphia; Nicole Bounds, Newton; and Jeremy Carson, Decatur. Rachel Alexander of Philadelphia serves as secretary. (EC Photo)

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ECCC choir performs with Kenny Rogers, Billy Dean

Members of East Central Community College's Concert Choir and area young vocalists are shown performing with Country Music stars Kenny Rogers and Billy Dean during Rogers' sold out-concert held Saturday, Dec. 10, at the Arena at Golden Moon on the Pearl River Resort in Choctaw. The choir members and youngsters performed

during the Christmas music portion of the concert. Vicki Blaylock serves as ECCC Concert Choir director. Blaylock was only able to use 30 members of the 60-plus member group for the special performance. Dean is an ECCC alumnus, having attended the College on a basketball scholarship during the 1981 fall semester. (EC Photo)

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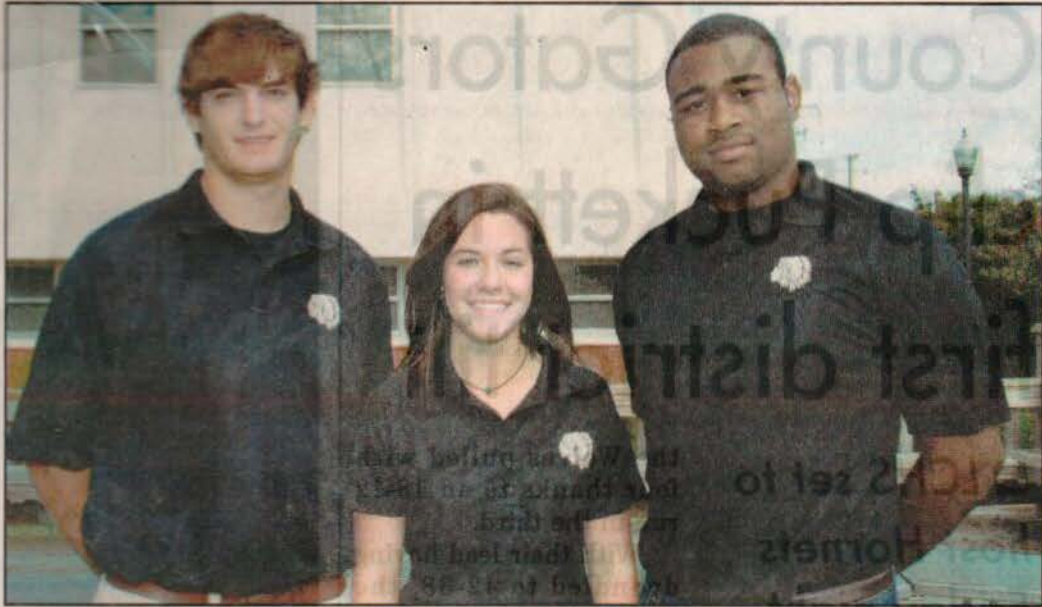
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Leake EC Warrior Corp

These Leake County students are recent additions to the Warrior Corps at East Central Community College in Decatur. From left are Tyler Neal, Edinburg, Erin Thornton, Walnut Grove, and Antonio Nash, Carthage. Neal is an Edinburg High School graduate, Thornton is a graduate of Newton

County High School, and Nash is a graduate of Carthage High School. The Warrior Corps is a special group of students selected to represent the college with recruiting endeavors and special events. ECCC staff members Lanette Hanna and Romonica Evans serve as advisers.

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Warrior Corps members

These Neshoba County students are recent additions to the Warrior Corps at East Central Community College in Decatur. Pictured are, first row, from left, LaJoya Griffin, Danielle Irons, Allison Perry and Shaniski Collier, all of Philadelphia; and back row, Jordan Clearman, Alex Stuart, William Meruvia, Ouida Meruvia and Kayleigh McCool, all of Philadelphia. Griffin is a product of Philadelphia High School. All the other students are graduates of Neshoba Central High School. The Warrior Corps is a special group of students selected to represent the College with recruiting endeavors and special events. ECCC staff members Lanette Hanna and Romonica Evans serve as advisers. (EC Photo)

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Newton County Warrior Corps Members

These students from Newton County are recent additions to the Warrior Corps at East Central Community College in Decatur. Pictured are (first row, from left) Amanda Barnett of Union, Andrea McSwain of Decatur, Sandy Alexander of Duffee, Claire Griffin, Claire Tadlock and Kelsey Tadlock, all of Decatur; and Leighanne Wright of Little Rock; and (back row, from left) Andrew Hanna of Union, Alexander Lee of Decatur, Tyler Gilmore of Sebastopol, Kirk Griffin of Union, Blake Cochran of Hickory and Courtney Johnson of Union. Barnett and Johnson are graduates of Union High School. McSwain, Alexander, Claire Griffin, Tadlock twins, Wright, Lee, Gilmore, Kirk Griffin and Cochran are products of Newton County High School. Hanna is a graduate of Newton County Academy.

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Elected to Who's Who

These Neshoba County residents were recently selected for Who's Who Among Students in American Community/Junior Colleges for 2011-12 at East Central Community College in Decatur. Students were nominated by faculty and staff and are chosen based on academic achievement and involvement in extracurricular clubs and organizations. Pictured are (front row, from left) Loren Pullin of Union and Whitney Stokes and Eden McGee, both of Philadelphia; and (back row, from left) Bailee Viverette and Megan Dollar, both of Union and Brittany Boatner of Philadelphia. Not pictured are Truitt Kilgore, Brittany King, Elizabeth Pruitt, Robyn Fanning, Jessica Fortenberry and Derick Sims, all of Philadelphia. (EC Photo)

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Newton County Students Selected for ECCC Who's Who ...

These Newton County residents were recently selected for Who's Who Among Students in American Community/Junior Colleges for 2011-12 at East Central Community College in Decatur. Students were nominated by faculty and staff and are chosen based on academic achievement and involvement in extracurricular clubs and organizations. Pictured are (front row, from left) Lillian Curry and Krystle Bender, both of Newton; Nikki Cumberland and Tyler Reeves, both of Decatur; Lauren Lurk, Newton; Andrea McSwain, Decatur; and Danielle Pierce, Union; (second row, from left) Kameron Boulton, Hickory; Katie Reeves, Decatur; Nicole Bounds, Haley Chaney and Emily Lucy, all of Newton; and Edward Holmes, Decatur; and (back row, from left) Ashley Walker, Little Rock; Brittany Bobo, Union; Jason Mann, Newton; Calvin Smith, Decatur; Brandon Davis, Newton; and Tyler Yates, Decatur. Not pictured are Richard Braxton and Christine Camp, Breanna Terrell, Ava Marie Adkins and Jennifer Knight, all of Union; Ladarian Johnson, Ammon Therrien and Hailey Dunavant, all of Newton; Kirby Keith and Ashley Dumas, both of Decatur; James Colvin, Little Rock; James Ethridge, Hickory; and Dana McKee, Conehatta; (EC Photo)

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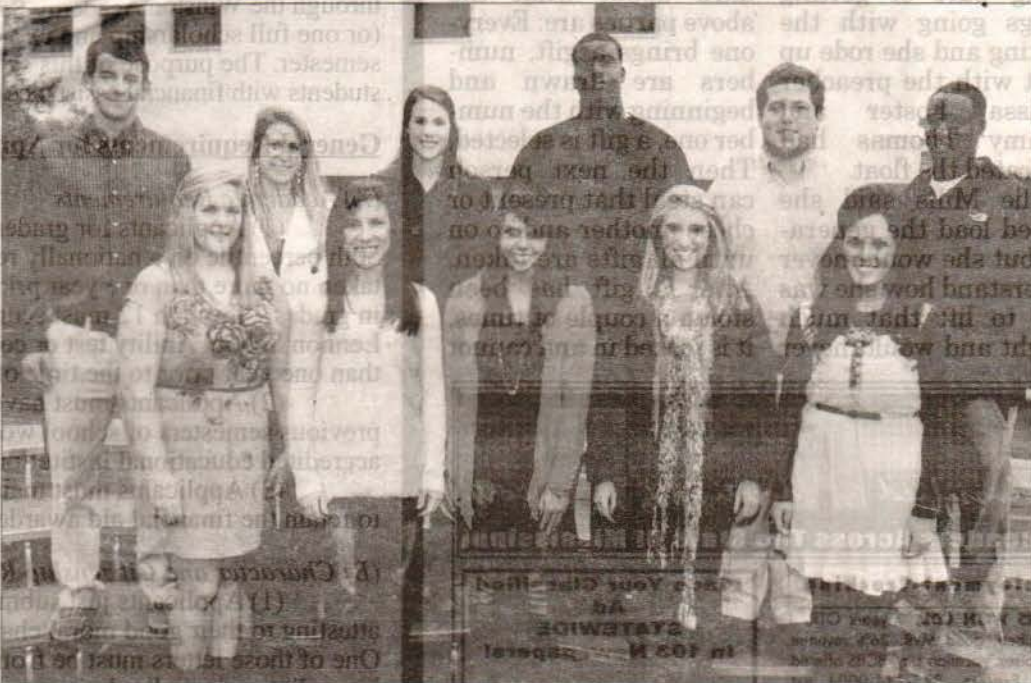
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Winston County Students Selected for ECCC Who's Who

These Winston County residents were recently selected for Who's Who Among Students in American Community/Junior Colleges for 2011-12 at East Central Community College in Decatur. Students were nominated by faculty and staff and are chosen based on academic achievement and involvement in extracurricular clubs and organizations. Pictured are (front row, from left) Samantha Holdiness of Louisville, Alyse Webb of Noxapater, Madison Nowell, Bailey Hartness and Raychal Reed, all of Louisville; and (back row, from left) Evan Humphries, Kayely Kinard, Brittany Burton, Cottrell Miller, Tate Rogers and Fred Hampton, all of Louisville. Not pictured are Channing Bucklew, Erin Hathorn, Jacob Johnson and Matthew Dempsey, all of Louisville.

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ECCC practical nursing organization

East Central Community College in Decatur recently announced Practical Nursing Organization members for 2011-12. The club consists of practical nursing students seeking to serve and protect the public promoting quality patient care. Members include: (front row, from left) Chiquita Porter, Noxapater; Kristy Bounds, Forest; Kimberly Traxle, Polkville; Allyson Nichols, Morton; and Suzy Lan, Philadelphia; (middle row, from left) Jennifer Clark, Louisville; Michelle Call, Meridian; Rebecca Estes, Louisville; Lara Elliot, Nanih Waiya; and Morgan Coleman, Carthage; (back row, from left) Jennifer Allgood, Meridian; Tina Cargile, Forest; Patience Haynes, Noxapater; and Erin Goldmon, Philadelphia. Practical nursing instructors Melanie Pinter, Theresa Cole and Alicia Gatlin serve as club sponsors. (EC Photo)

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left) Layna Phillips of Lena and Wendy Burns and LaTia Peavy, both of Carthage; and (back row, from left) Dustin Cullen of Carthage, Haelie Allen of Lena and P'Oshore May and Christine Nollie, both of Carthage. Not pictured are Lindsey Adams, Meghan McIntosh, Ashley Moore, Erin Moore, Antonio Nash and Karli Withers, all of Carthage.

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Students selected.

ECCC Students Selected for Who's Who. These students at East Central Community College in Decatur were recently named to Who's Who Among Students in American Community/Junior Colleges for 2011-12. Students were nominated by faculty and staff and are chosen based on academic achievement and involvement in extracurricular clubs and organizations. Pictured are (first row, from left) Megan Dollar, Union; Haelie Allen, Lena; Whitney Stokes, Philadelphia; Tyler Reeves and Edward Holmes, both of Decatur; Alyse Webb, Noxapater; Madison Nowell, Louisville; Emily Lucy, Newton; Danielle Pierce, Union; Raychal Reed, Louisville; Hannah Clay, Lake; Andrea McSwain, Decatur; and Wendy Barns and Christina Nollie, both of Carthage; (second row, from left) Calvin Smith, Decatur; Lillian Curry, Newton; Kelsi Watson, Smithville; Layna Phillips, Lena; Kristen Grace Nettles, Forest; Ashley Walker, Little Rock; Samantha Holdiness, Louisville; Krystle Bender, Newton; Courtney Mackey, Meridian; Katie Reeves, Decatur; l'Oshore May and LaTia Peavy, both of Carthage; and Tyler Yates, Decatur; (third row, from left) Tate Rogers, Louisville; Nikki Cumberland, Decatur; Loren Pullin and Bailee Viverette, both of Union; Lauren Lurk, Newton; Bailey Hartness, Louisville; Brittany Boatner and Eden McGee, both of Philadelphia; Nicole Bounds, Newton; Brittany Pounders, Meridian; Haylee Roberts, Enterprise; and Fred Hampton, Louisville; and (back row, from left) Andre Lucious, Ralph, Ala.; Brittany Bobo, Union; Kameron Boulton, Hickory; Haley Chaney, Newton; Amanda Williamson, Lake; Kayely Kinard, Brittany Burton and Cottrell Miller, all of Louisville; Dustin Cullen, Carthage; Brandon Davis and Jason Mann, both of Newton; James Cumberland, Sebastopol; Evan Humphries, Louisville; and Casey Wells, Laurel. (EC Photo)

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New careers await the above graduates of East Central Community College's Surgical Technology Program, who received special recognition at the annual pinning ceremony held Thursday, Dec. 15, in the Vickers Fine Arts Center on the Decatur campus. Pictured are (front row, from left) LeAnn Shirley, director/instructor; Shannon Gallaspy, Newton; Stephanie D. Nelson-Williams, Meridian; Cara L. Germany, Rose Hill; and Kristie Pilgrim, instructor; (second row, from left) Sonya Jones-Jenkins, Carthage; Stephanie D. Owens, Louisville; Cindy H. Tucker, Little Rock; Summer E. Hodge, Quitman; (third row, from left) Angela L. Walker, Meridian; Andrea Channel Ross, Louin; Lisa Hoskins Marshall, Philadelphia; and Meissa DeKatherine Thomas, Meridian; and (fourth row, from left) Kristi M. Fulcher, Louisville; Triana L. Parker, Meridian; Jake A. Cain, Chunky; and Sharon Rena O'Neal, DeKalb. Jones-Jenkins also received Student of the Year honors and Owens gave the invocation. ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin, Vice President for Instruction Dr. Lavinia Sparkman and Dean of Healthcare Education Dr. Betsy Mann also participated in the pinning ceremony.

For more information on the 12-month program, contact LeAnn Shirley, 601-635-6344 or call toll free, 877-462-3222, ext. 344. The e-mail address is lashirley@eccc.edu. (EC Photo)

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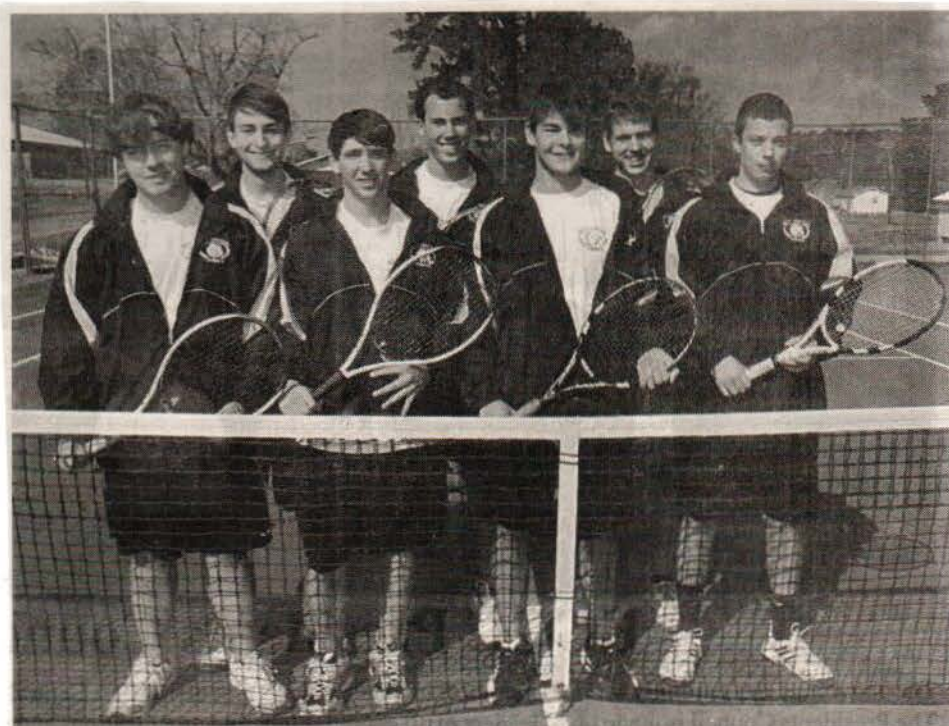
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Members of the East Central Community College Warrior Corps for 2011-12 include (first row, from left) Brittany Parker, Decatur; LeJoya Griffin and Danielle Irons, both of Philadelphia; Shelby Parkman, Raleigh; Holli Nutt, Morton; Amanda Barnett, Union; Hannah Clay, Lake; LaTia Peavy, Carthage; Andrea McSwain, Decatur; Haley Dunavant, Newton; Erin Thornton, Decatur; and Breonka Simpson, Meridian; (second row, from left) Jordan Clearman, Allison Perry and Kayleigh McCool, all of Philadelphia; Bailey Hartness, Louisville; Lauren Lurk, Newton; Leighanne Wright, Little Rock; Sandy Alexander, Duffee; Loren Pullin, Union; Raychal Reed, Louisville; Jenny Holyfield, Little Rock; Alyse Webb, Noxapater; and Shamiski Collier, Philadelphia; (third row, from left) Ben Reiss, Forest; Alex Stuart and Ouida Meruvia, both of Philadelphia; Brittany Burton, Louisville; Lindsey Gibbs, Morton; Haley Chaney, Newton; Claire Griffin, Decatur; Bailee Viverette, Union; Randall Taylor, Macon; Kelsey Tadlock, Claire Tadlock and Katie Reeves, all of Decatur; Nicole Bounds, Newton; and Kourtney Johnson, Union; and (back row, from left) Kirk Griffin, Decatur; Andrew Hanna, Union; Tyler Gilmore, Sebastopol; Kirby Keith, Decatur; Tyler Neal, Edinburg; Alex Lee, Decatur; Blake Cochran, Hickory; Lucas Calvert, Louisville; Nathan Stone, Philadelphia; Tommy Russell, Louisville; William Meruvia, Philadelphia; Antonio Nash, Carthage; and DeMarcus Taylor, Enterprise. The Warrior Corps is a select group of students who assist in recruiting and serve as hosts and hostesses for various College events and activities. Student Services personnel Lanette Hanna and Romonica Evans serve as sponsors. (EC Photo)

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ECCC Warrior Tennis Team

Members of East Central Community College's Warrior tennis team for 2011 include (from left) Danny Smith, a product of Carthage High School; Matt Griffin, Union; Josh Blackburn, Morton; Walton Stinson, Neshoba Central; Zachary White, Union; Richie Ferguson, Newton County; and Jason Loris, Moss Point. Dianne and Patrick O'Neill and Kyle Watson serve as coaches. (EC Photo)

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McDill- Brown win Arctic Blast

Lee McDill and Luke Brown fired a 10-under par 60 to take top honors in the "Arctic Blast" golf tournament held Saturday, Feb. 26, at Decatur Country Club.

Stacey Sykes and Brent McMillan finished second with a 61.

In the first flight, Lowery McGee and Ricky Chaney shot a 67 to capture the top spot over Mark Cochran and T.J. Cochran, who also carded a 67 but were edged in a scorecard playoff.

Daniel Moody and David Moody won the second flight with a 72. Colby McLain and Ray Durr posted a 74 to finish second.

The two-person scramble served as a fundraiser for the ECCC golf team.

"We very much appreciate everyone who participated in the tournament and provided other support for our golf program," said Chris Clark, Warrior golf coach.



ECCC Lady Warrior Tennis Team

Members of East Central Community College's Lady Warrior tennis team for 2011 include (from left) Madison Nowell, of Winston Academy, Lauren Lurk, Cassie Munn, and Carrie Rushing, all of Newton County High School; and Danielle Pierce of Union High School. Not pictured is Anna Alexander, a home-schooled student from Little Rock. Dianne and Patrick O'Neill and Kyle Watson serve as coaches.

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Decatur pair wins ECCC mixed doubles event

From press reports

Blake Cochran and Shannon St. Clair, both of Decatur, posted a 6-2 win over David Brand of Newton and Haley Chapman of Hickory for the championship trophy in a mixed doubles tennis tournament held March 24 at East Central Community College.

Other finalists included Brydon Reed of Newton and Cassie Munn of Decatur, who defeated Russ Thompson of Decatur and Makenzie Rowzee of Hickory, 6-2; Walt Stinson of Philadelphia and Lau-

ren Lurk of Newton, who clipped Matt Griffin of Union and Madison Nowell of Louisville, 6-1; Danny Smith of Carthage and Kelsey Tadlock of Decatur, winners over Josh Blackburn of Morton and Claire Tadlock of Decatur, 6-2; Pete and Sarah Beth Mazzella of Newton, who edged Levi French and Brook Payne, both of Union; and Brandon St. Clair of Decatur and Hannah Payne of Union, who claimed a 7-6 (7-2) victory over Courtney and McKinley Elliott of Newton.

The one-day event

was sponsored by ECCC's tennis team and USTA.

Dianne and Pat O'Neill and Kyle Watson serve as ECCC tennis coaches.

Members of East Central Community College's Lady Warrior tennis team for 2011 include (from left) Madison Nowell, a product of Winston Academy; Lauren Lurk, Cassie Munn and Carrie Rushing, all of Newton County High School; and Danielle Pierce, Union. Not pictured is Anna Alexander, a home-schooled student from Little Rock. Dianne and Patrick O'Neill and Kyle Watson serve as coaches.



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French Inks ECCC Tennis Scholarship

Levi French (seated center) of Union signed a tennis scholarship with East Central Community College last Wednesday. Shown with French are (seated) parents David and Debbie French and (standing) Union tennis coach Bryan Norman and ECCC tennis coach Kyle Watson.

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Receive ECCC Women's Tennis Awards

Members of the East Central Community College women's tennis team who received honors at the annual Spring Sports Awards Banquet are (from left) Cassie Munn (Most Valuable Player and team captain award) and Lauren Lurk (Warrior Award), both of Decatur; and Anna Alexander (Scholar Athlete and Most Improved Player) of Little Rock.

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ECCC Men's Tennis Award Winners

These members of the East Central Community College men's tennis team received honors at the annual Spring Sports Awards Banquet held on the Decatur campus. From left are Walt Stinson of Philadelphia (Academic and Warrior awards), Zac White (Most Valuable Player) and Matt Griffin (team captain award), both of Union; and Danny Smith of Carthage (Most Improved Player).

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Cochran Inks ECCC Tennis Scholarship

Blake Cochran (seated), a standout tennis player at Newton County High School, is shown signing a national letter of intent to continue his career at East Central Community College. Cochran, a recent MAC All-Star selection, was a five-year member of the Cougar tennis squad. His 22-4 record his senior year represents the second most season wins for a Newton County player. He finished his career with 68 total wins, second most ever for a male player in school history. He was division champion at his position and qualified for the state tournament every season since the ninth grade. He finished state runner-up once and reached the semifinals on two occasions. Cochran served as team captain in 2011 and received Most Valuable Player honors and Most Improved in 2010 and 2009, respectively. Academically, Cochran finished third in his class. Shown with the new Warrior tennis player are (standing from left) his parents, Neil and Lanea Cochran; and ECCC tennis coach Kyle Watson.

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ECCC Homecoming Tennis Tourney Participants

Participating in East Central Community College's Mixed Doubles Tennis Tournament held as part of the recent homecoming activities were (kneeling from left) Blake Cochran, Hickory; Steve St. Clair, Decatur; Pete Mazzella, Newton; William Meruvia, Philadelphia; McKinley Elliott, Little Rock; Brandon St. Clair, Decatur; Lucas Calvert, Louisville; Richie Ferguson, Decatur; Hunter Stovall, Philadelphia; D.J. Townsend and Danny Smith, both of Carthage; Chris Mayes, Louisville; and Scott Hill, Decatur; and (standing from left) Cassie Munn, Decatur; Hayley Chapman, Decatur; Shannon St. Clair, Decatur; Sara Beth Mazella, Newton; Savannah Vance, Natchez; Courtney Elliot, Little Rock; Rachel Ramirez, Forest; Anna Alexander, Little Rock; Gwen Emmons and Brooke Atkison, both of Forest; Alex Weir, Philadelphia; Dianne O'Neill, Decatur; Lauren Lurk, Lawrence; Ray Anne Craven, Newton; and Kristin Chaney, Decatur. Also participating but not pictured include Walt Stinson, Philadelphia; Pat O'Neill and Jason Hancock, both of Decatur; and Persephiney Wingo, Morton. Cochran and Munn combined talents to capture the top prize. T.J. Davis of Louisville served as tournament director. (EC Photo)

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